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To Anita.
May God bless
you and keep you
and your love forever.
Pray for
Pete Malkewicz

Anita,
Keep up your good
work, Stay
as sweet as
you are.
Vaya con Dios
Medically yours,
Virginia Jones

Anita,
It's a real swell gal
who sat behind me
most of the time during
Junior Yr. Good luck &
God bless you always
Anita in all your
future years. Remember
the girl who sat in front
of you sometime in future
years will say a prayer for
me. But I'll keep you
in prayers to. Remember
always. Mary McInerney '52

Florence Burns

In the pages which follow, the spirit of Mother McAuley lives again for all who treasure her ideals. A Chronology of acquisition and attainment—Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.

Anita,
Besides being a brother to you in bookkeeping, & Shorthand, I hope you are glad to have me as your friend because I am sure you are mine. Remember all of us round & the fun we had, all of us in the future. I hope you are always happy. Maybe some day we can get together & see all the girls again. Remember "Be Good" & always Rose Blake
Remember in your prayers.

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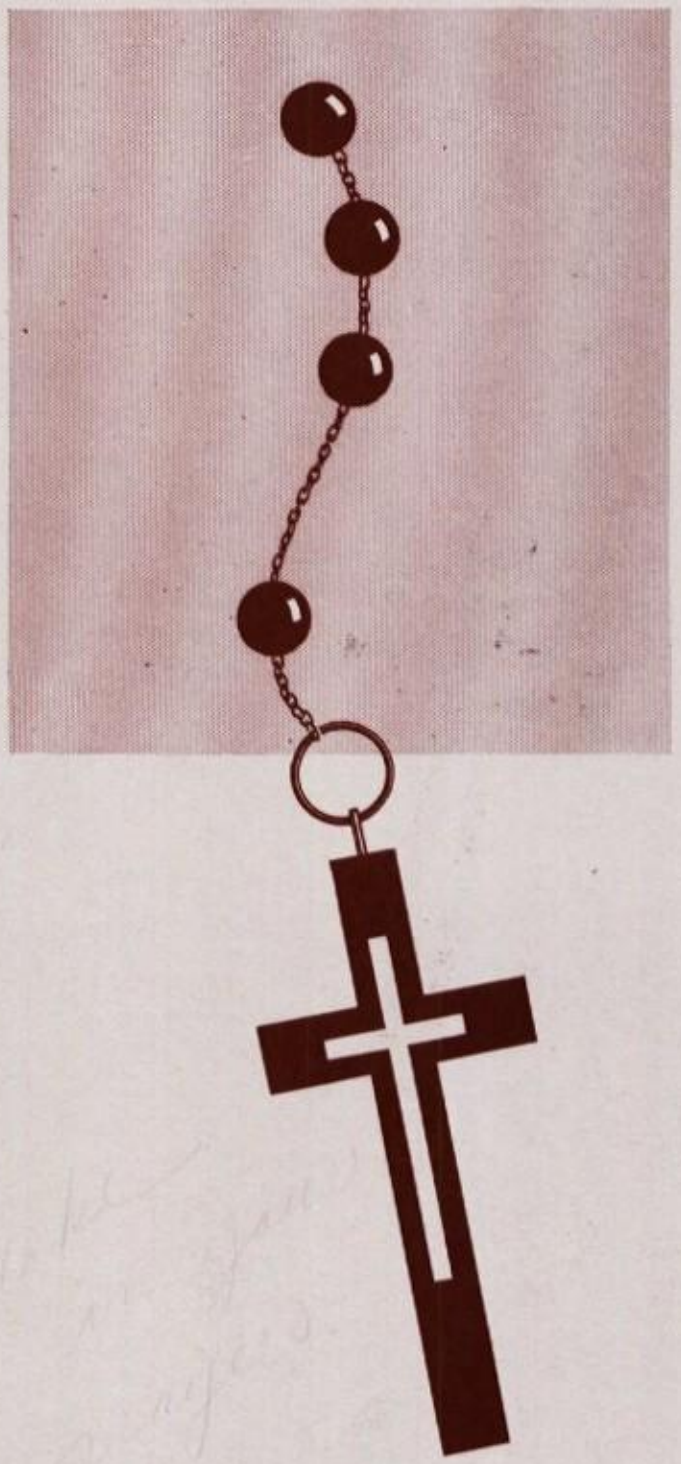

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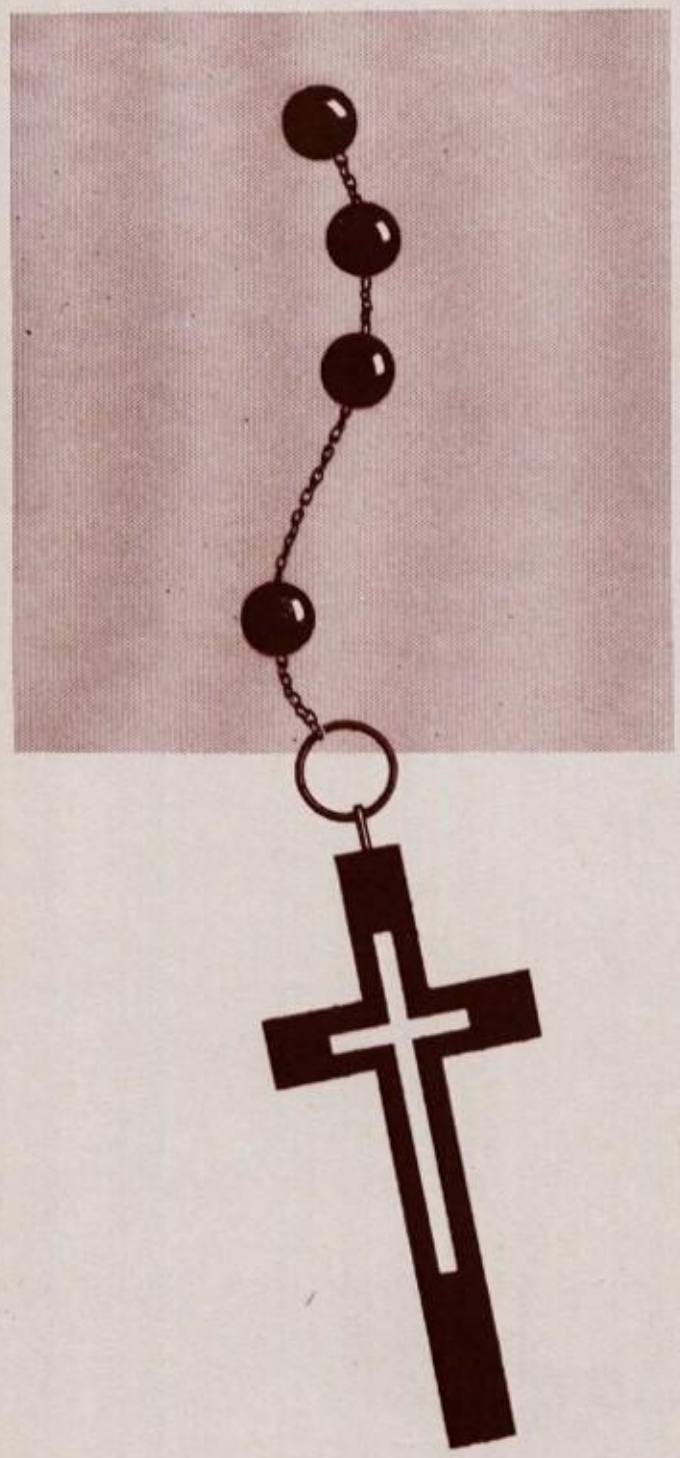

Dedication

Imbued with the spirit of Mother McAuley, Sister Mary of the Angels tried to pass along that spirit to the girls of Mercy High School for eleven years. Sister's gentle spirit and magnetic charm made her office an often sought out place for advice and counseling. Rebuking the most mischievous, congratulating the hardest workers, praising those in need of praise, welcoming those who came her way—all these things were done with the dignity of the perfect lady so dear to the heart of Mother McAuley.

After these years of serious and complete forgetfulness of self exemplifying for girls the real meaning of "one life in Christ," Sister has been appointed to the task of Consultant for Secondary Schools in Chicago high schools taught by Sisters of Mercy.

The girls of Mercy High School are grateful to Sister Mary of the Angels for all she gave spiritually and scholastically—as a very small token of our thanks we dedicate this thirty-first volume of the Mercian to her. May our Heavenly Father, our Mother of Mercy, and Mother McAuley assist Sister in everything she undertakes!

Sister Mary of the Angels, R.S.M.

The Spirit of Mother Catherine McAuley permeates the lives of girls instructed by the Religious Sisters of Mercy The education of youth, especially girls, was a work very dear to the heart of Mother McAuley. This love for youth, she bequeathed to her "daughters in Christ" – the community she founded.

Born September 29, 1787, on her family's comfortable Dublin estate, Stormonstown House, Catherine McAuley had before her a life of ease, pleasure, and gentility– if she chose.

How this little Irish girl used her inherited fortune and all her natural and supernatural abilities and virtues is the spiritually romantic story of the founding of the Religious Sisters of Mercy.

On December 12, 1831 Mother Catherine McAuley made her solemn profession of vows, and on the following day the Archbishop appointed her Mother Superior of the new convent.

Despite the severe illness that was to limit her life as a religious to ten years, Mother McAuley's zeal, personal sanctity, and prodigious effort inspired others to join in her work, and now after a little more than a century, thousands of Sisters of Mercy carry on their many works of Charity throughout the world.

As one surveys the range of twentieth century education, one stands amazed at the work started by Mother McAuley. Personality, purpose, scholarship, specialization, preparation, progressiveness–these were the aims of the revered Foundress and today still form the nucleus of the educational philosophy of her followers.

All the things that Mercy High stands for are embodied in the life of the Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. The spirit of Mother McAuley fills the lives of the Sisters here, and they, in turn, share that spirit with the girls. All acts of Mercy and Charity being motivated by . . . . .

Ad Majorum Dei Gloriam

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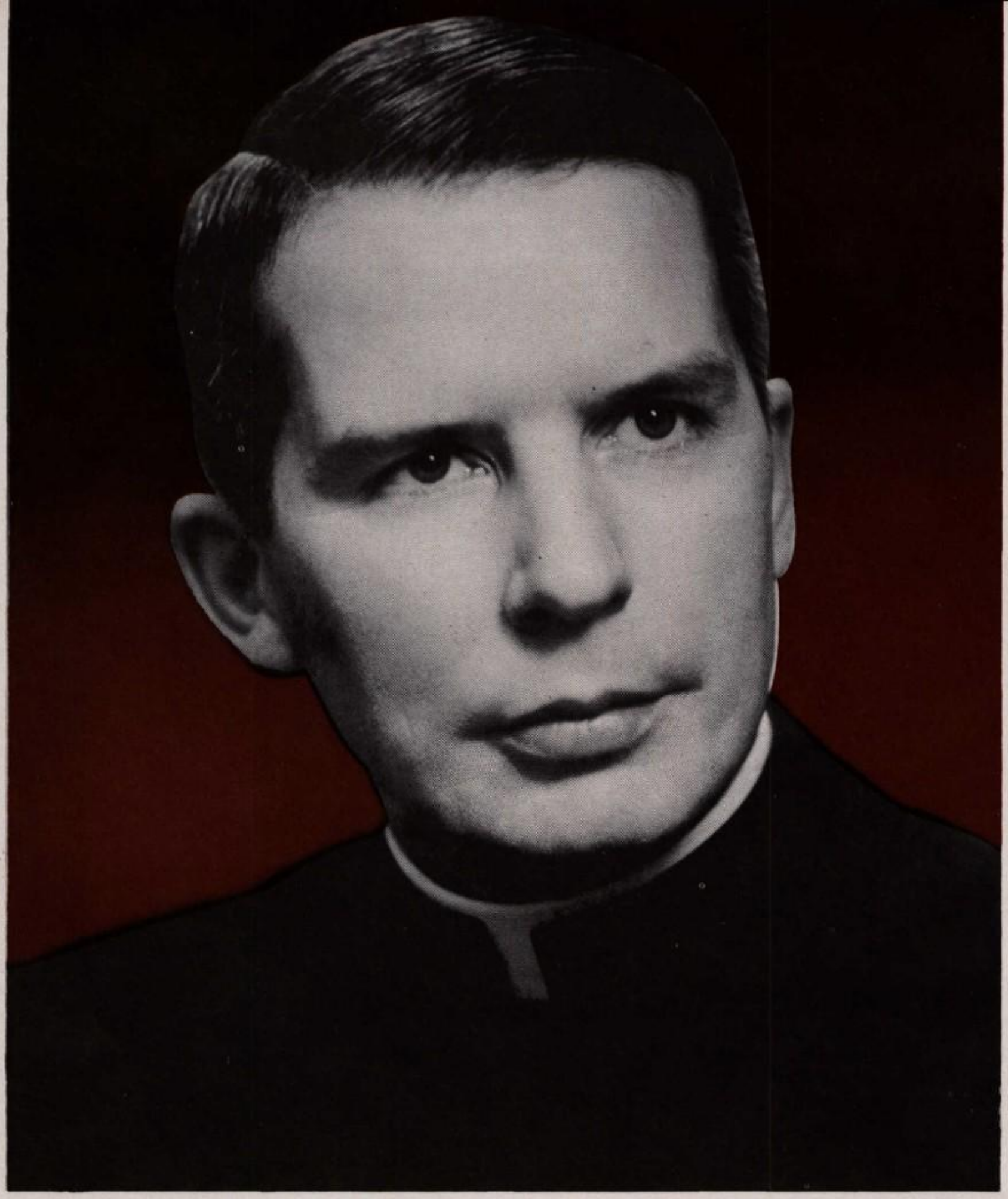

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Reverend John Hayes, S.T.D.

There are some people who will never have to account for wasted time because they have none to waste! Father John Hayes, Chaplain of Mercy High School, is one of those people. Father's work is so varied, but he always has time for the girls—and as much time as they care to take.

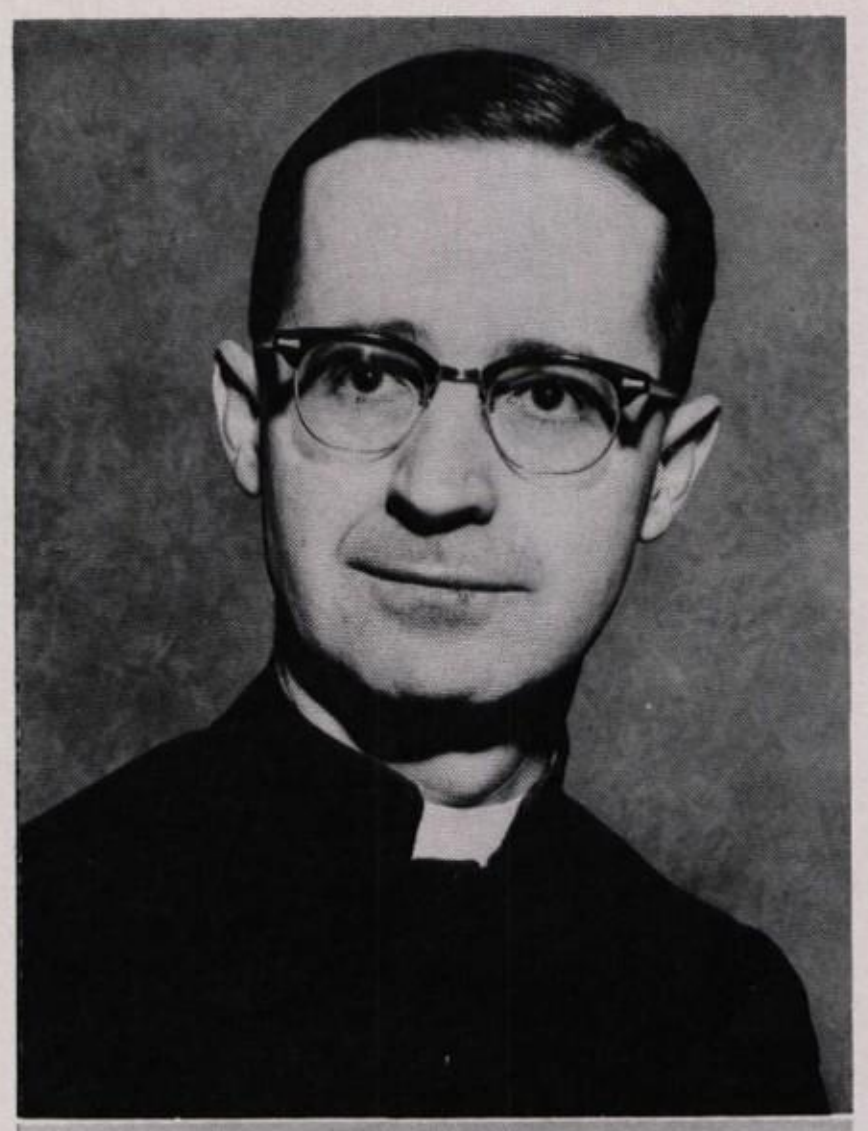
Father has been a priest for twenty-five years. We were happy that Father was our Chaplain in 1955, because we were able to participate in the joy that was his Silver Jubilee! During those years Father Hayes wrote for "Today", Voice of St. Jude", and "Work". At the present time he is editor of "Apostolate", a quarterly magazine published to assist priests and lay leaders in specialized groups of the lay apostolate, and writes for "Worship".

Besides all these activities Father instructs Mercy girls and directs them toward their one Purpose and Goal in life. He is always on hand when needed, and is tireless in his efforts to help all. Mercy's debt of gratitude to Father must surely run on into Eternity!

Religious Instructors

Problems, problems, and more problems! They come like the never-ending flow of water – and to us Mercians it appears as if a great amount flows into our hands. It seems so great a burden would be too heavy to carry, but to our aid come Father Raftery who counsels the Juniors, and Father Coffey who guides the Sophomores.

These problems seem to increase as the years go by and we find the necessity for priestly guidance. Although new this year and unfamiliar in the ways of Mercy, these priests have come to us and in some cases have almost taken the place of parents in the guiding role. A grateful toast to the advisers, and a wish for many more years at Mercy!



Reverend Thomas Raftery

RELIGION III

Father is a busy parish priest at St. Dorothy's, Area Chaplain for the Christian Family Movement Groups, conductor of Pre-Cana and Cana Conferences––and still gives much of his time to teach and guide Mercy girls.

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Father Edward Coffey

RELIGION II

Holy Rosary Parish activities keep Father Coffey very busy. However, busy priests always seem to manage one thing more. Father is a C.F.M. Chaplain, and plays that role also for the Altar–Rosary Society of the parish. Time and energy is expended with complete whole-heartedness in teaching the Mercy girls.

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Mother Mary Regina,
R.S.M.

The work started by Mother Catherine McAuley over a century ago has grown in leaps and bounds. Thousands of Sisters of Mercy throughout the United States carry on her Spirit of Mercy. The Chicago Province is a very busy and a very large Province ably directed and guided by Mother Mary Regina, Mother Provincial, and her hard-working assistants, the members of the Provincial Council. Though Mercy girls are not too much aware of the existence of these fine women, each of these sisters is vitally interested in every thing, no matter how minute, which would help perfect the complete education of the young women intrusted to the care of the Sisters of Mercy at Mercy High School. The Mother Provincial and her Council may be compared to the "wheels which make things work." Theirs is so tremendous a work that they could never carry on unless they were working entirely—Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam.

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Sister Mary Alphonsa, R.S.M.

A mother always sets the "tone" of the home–and Sister Mary Alphonsa has done just that on the convent side of Mercy High School. The "tone" is a very happy one.

Sister was appointed superior of the convent in August, 1955. Anything which is of interest to her sisters is of interest to her. She is present at all school functions with an encouraging word, a pat on the back for sisters, and girls as well, An easy, charming manner has made Sister a very friendly sight through the halls of Mercy High.

Sister Mary Mark, R.S.M.

Sister Mary Mark R. S. M. has finished her first year as principal of Mercy. She is the sixth principal since our school was founded thirty-one years ago.

Sister Mary Mark came to Mercy after teaching Latin and English at Saint Patrick Academy in Des Plaines, Illinois. For many years before that Sister's life was a very busy one at St. Xavier Academy and St. Xavier College.

During Sister's administration there have been many new programs introduced and work for higher academic standards has increased.

Sister's office is always open to discuss the basic fundamentals of all school organizations. Interest in the school and in each individual girl has already made Sister Mary Mark an integral part of the school life at Mercy.

Sister Mary Jovita, R.S.M.

In her never-ending patience to help the girls with their scholastic as well as moral problems, Sister Mary Jovita has proved herself an able Assistant Principal to Sister Mary Mark.

Sister Jovita has dauntlessly striven to better the school with her good judgement pretaining to the school's necessities. An all-around schedule of activities has enabled Sister to prove her extraordinary ability to fulfill all responsibilities with the graciousness and ease for which she is noted.

Gratifyingly efficient in her ways, Sister Jovita has become a friend when needed and is loved by all for the gentle way she handles her authority.

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Sister Mary Domitilla

Sister Mary Domitilla lived and suffered, and died a true daughter of Mother McAuley. The practice of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy drew Sister closer and closer to the God Who was her Spouse.

Some years ago, Sister Mary Domitilla was superior of Mercy High School Convent, having previously taught in the English, Science, and Mathematic departments of the school. Sister always had a devoted interest in Mercy and Mercy girls.

As Provincial, superior, and subject, Sister ever won and held the esteem of her fellow religious for the exemplary qualities that marked her a true Sister of Mercy. As teacher, counselor, and friend Sister was loved and respected by children of all age groups.

It is a wonderful feeling to have in Heaven a friend so vitally interested in our welfare—both faculty and students.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE!

Memoriam

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Jean Lunning

As sophomores and companions of Jean Lunning, we faced with deep sorrow the tragic news of her death. Now, as seniors of the Class of 1956, we realize what Jean meant to us. Two years after her death, we look back from a different point of view. As young women we understand better the goal Jean has attained——her Ultimate Goal.

We, her classmates, are striving to attain the peace of soul and poise that Jean had already achieved in her short span of years.

The memory of Jean will always be with us and will serve as an impetus in our striving for the perfection that she sought and attained. We look forward to a happy class reunion for the Class of 1956 in the Heaven that has already become "Home" for Jean.

Top Row:

Sister Mary Adrian
Sister Mary Placida
Sister Mary Angela

Middle Row:

Sister Mary Ethelbert
Sister Mary Hyacinth
Sister Mary Lydia

Bottom Row:

Sister Mary Basilla
Mrs. Green

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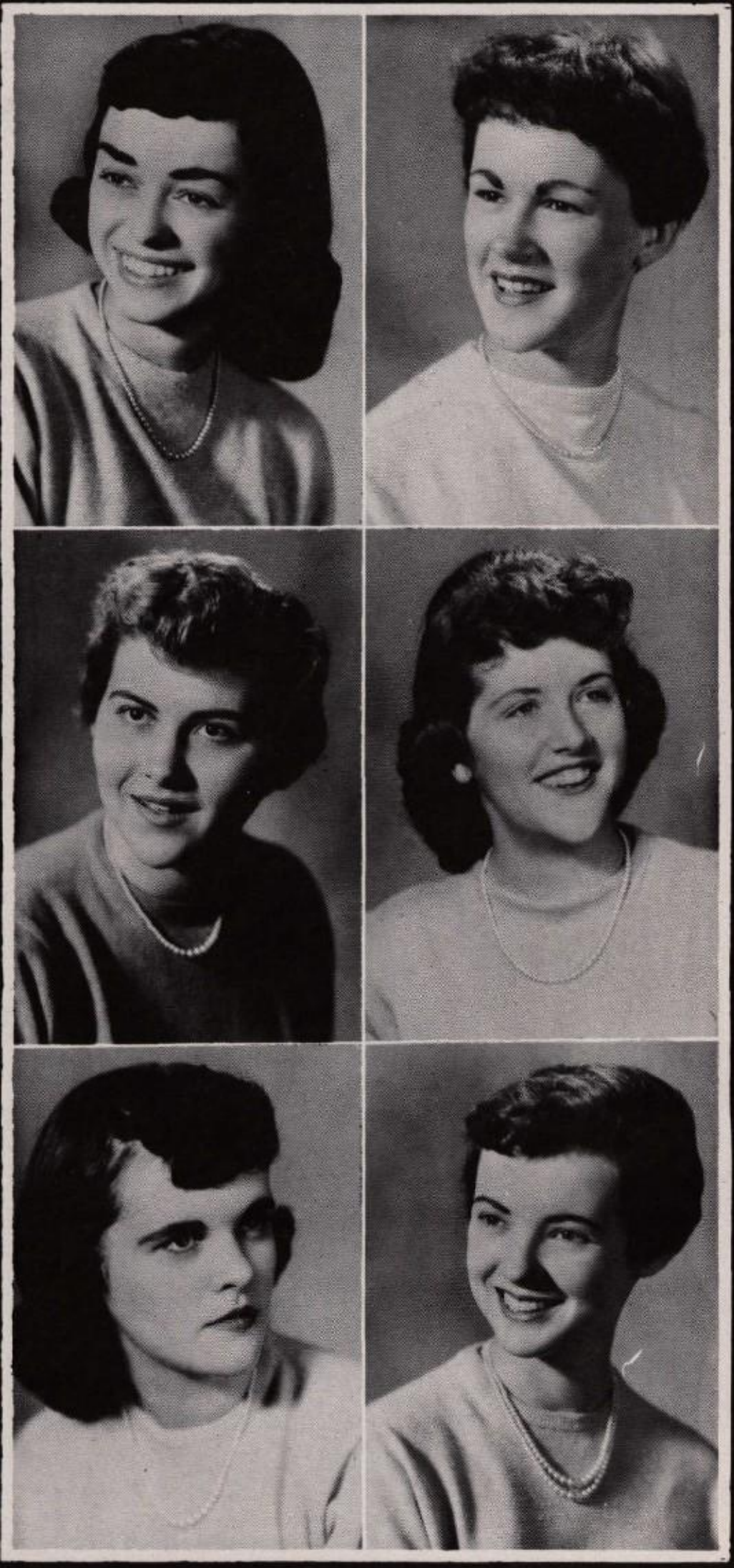

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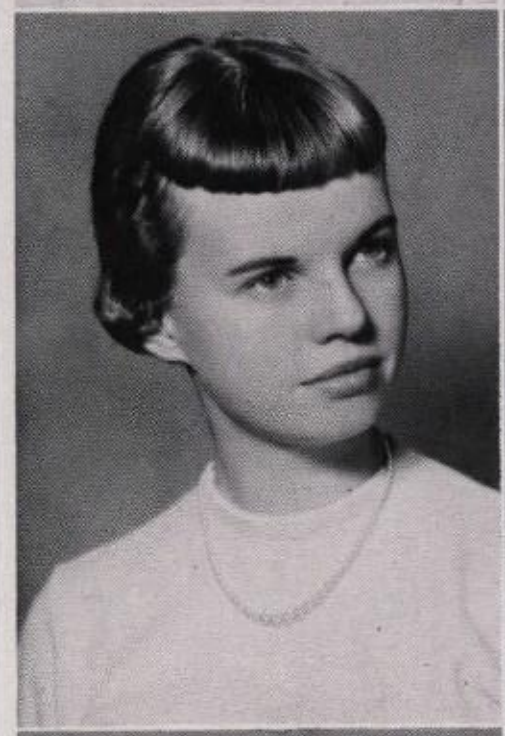

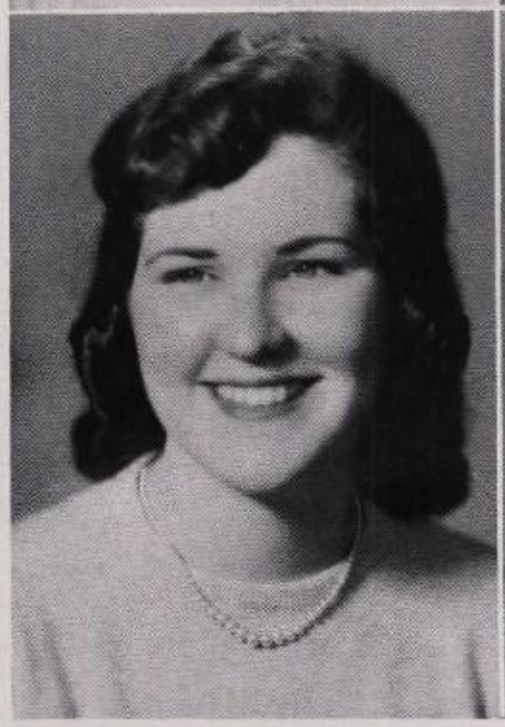

Honor Student

Josephine Szczesny

Honor Key Student 1956

and Bausch - Lomb Award 1956

Josephine has used well the abilities that God has given her. She seems to be one of those rare students whose aptitudes are for all fields of knowledge. We congratulate her heartily on her winning this two-fold honor!

Maintaining the highest scholastic average for each of her four years of high school, and achieving the highest records in science subjects through her four years won for Josephine the Honor Key and the Bausch–Lomb Award.

Our Faculty

Sister Mary Adrian – Biology
Sister Mary Agnes – Religion III, U. S. History, Spanish I
Sister Mary Agnita – Religion IV, English IV, English II
Sister Mary Alberta – Religion IV, U. S. History, American Problems
Sister Mary Alicia – Religion I, Algebra
Sister Mary Ambrose – Religion III. English III
Sister Mary Ambrosia – Clothing I, Advanced Clothing
Sister Mary Angela – Bookkeeper
Sister Mary Angelica – Religion IV, English IV, English I
Sister Mary Aquinata – Religion IV, Chemistry
Sister Mary Augustine – Bookroom
Sister Mary Barbara – Religion IV, English IV, English I
Sister Mary Basilla – Typing II, Shorthand I, II, Bookkeeping
Sister Mary Cassilda – Religion III, Typing II, Shorthand II
Sister Mary Charitina – Religion I, English II, Art I, II
Sister Mary Dorothea – Religion II, U. S. History, World History
Sister Mary Emily – Religion I, French I, U. S. History
Sister Mary Ethelbert – Typing I
Sister Mary Eugene – Religion II, Algebra, Geometry
Sister Mary Evarista – Religion IV, Physics, General Science
Sister Helen Marie – Religion II, Shorthand I
Sister Mary Hyacinth – Registrar
Sister Mary Kenneth – Religion III, Plane Geometry, Trigonometry, Advanced Algebra
Sister Mary James – Religion III, Typing I, II, Office Training
Sister Mary Joan – Religion II, English II, Latin I
Sister Mary Jovita – Assistant Principal
Sister Mary Leonore – Religion IV, American Problems
Sister Mary Lioba – Religion II, Spanish I, II
Sister Mary Lydia – Cafeteria
Sister Mary Macrina – Religion III, English II, French I, II, Advanced French
Sister Mary Petronilla – Religion II, Biology
Sister Mary Pretiosa – Religion II, World History
Sister Mary Pulcheria – Religion I, Latin II, English I
Sister Mary Regina – Religion I, Algebra, General Science
Sister Mary Regis – Religion II, Spanish I, II, III, IV
Sister Mary Ricardo – Mercy Federation and Alumnae
Sister Mary Rosaleen – Religion III, English III, Journalism
Sister Rose Marie – Glee Club, A Cappella, Private Voice, General Music
Sister Mary Syra – Private Piano, General Music
Sister Mary Teresa – Private Piano
Sister Mary Veronita – Religion I, English I, Typing I, II
Sister Mary Vianney – Librarian
Miss Sylvia Divine – Foods, Home Management
Mrs. Green – English I, II
Miss Barbara Sharp – Algebra, General Science
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Senior Faculty

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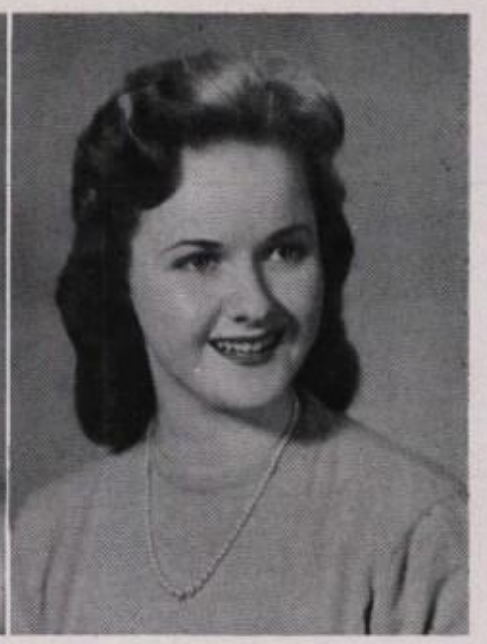
Sister Mary Leonore

JOYCE AHERN
St. Dorothy
A dazed manner veiling an active mind, always comes up with the right answer when unexpectedly addressed.

BARBARA AMBROSE
St. Cajetan
Sees life through rose-colored glasses as though nothing can mar that enchanting outlook Barb has on life.

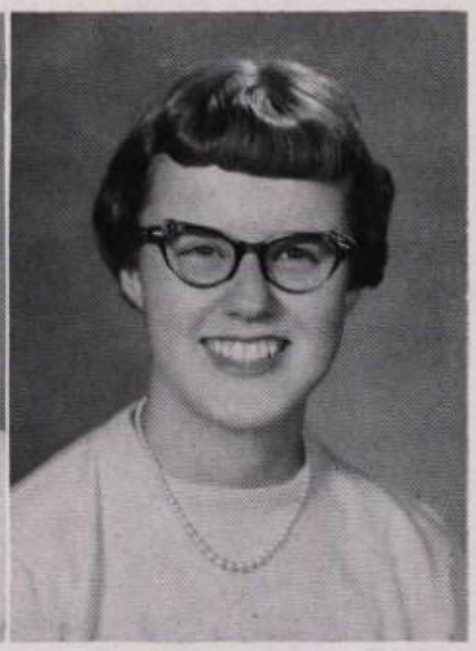
DORIS JEAN ANDERSON
St. Dorothy
Giggles aloud at the faintest suggestions of a joke. Laughing, lively, and lovable.



PATRICIA ARCAND
St. Dorothy
Patty is a girl with a pleasant disposition who possesses the confidence of all her acquaintances.

MARY LOU ARNDT
St. Kilian
Her quiet and serene way can be noticed at a glance. At 3:00 P.M. she can be seen with her trademark, "An armful of books".

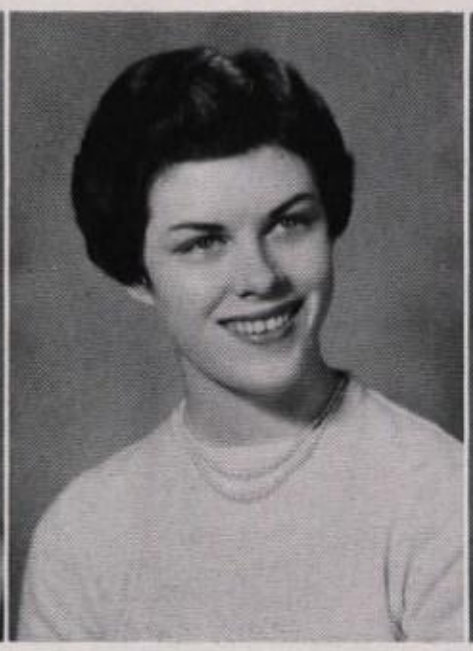
NANCY BAER
St. Joachim
Easy-going and funny, Nan has that impish appeal that can get her out of a predicament as easy as it can get her into one.



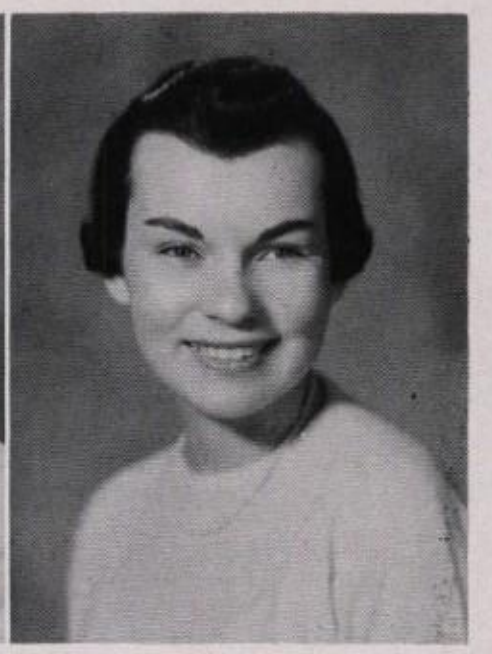
MARY ANN BAGINSKI
St. Florian
A veritable lover of the class room. She can hardly be pried from the books.

JUDY BAKER
Holy Rosary
as an ingenious way of makng friends, and her friendliess is contagious.

ROBERTA BANAZAK
St. Bronislava
Bright and cheery, Bobbie excels in social as well as intellectual fields.



BONNIE BANKS
St. Francis de Paula
With her refreshing jovial nature, Bonnie finds something funny in every little thing.



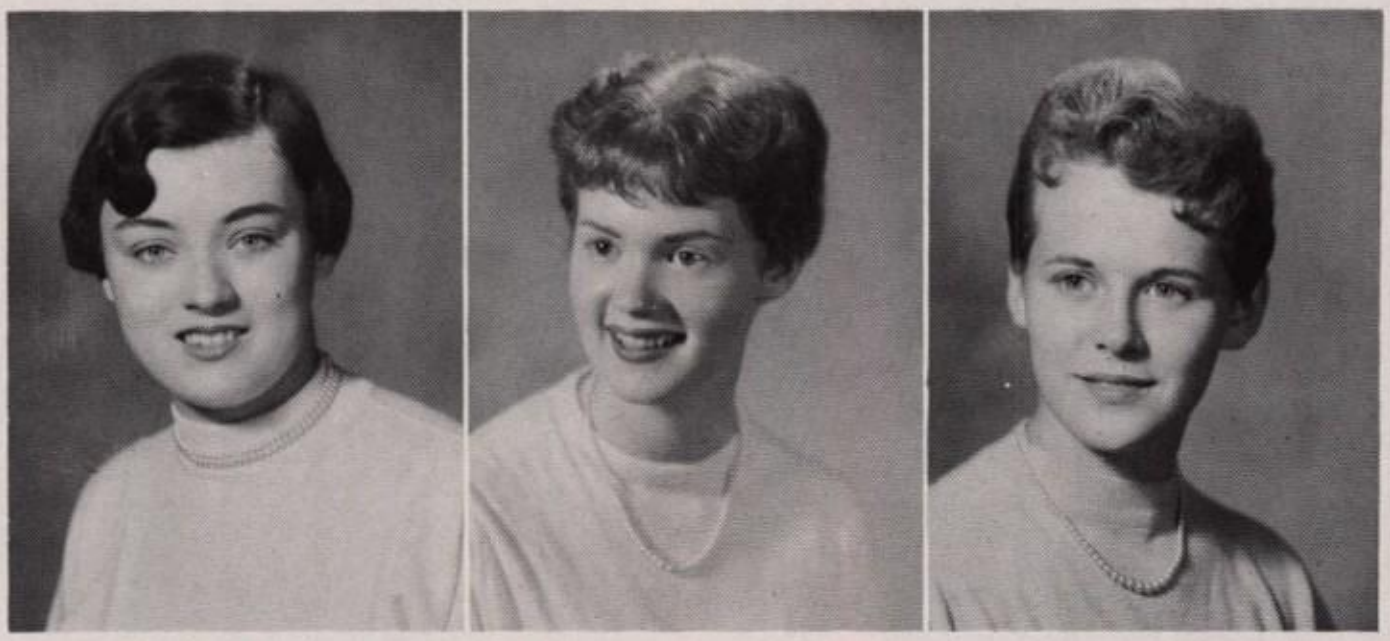
JOAN BARRON
St. Clotilde
Natural at all times Joan has a peaceful nature which has made her outstanding as President of the Glee Club.

JOYCE ANN BATES
St. Kilian
Dependable Joyce helps keep our library in tip-top shape.

MARY BAUMEISTER
St. Cecilia
With neatness and poise Mary seems to live in an undisturbed world.

DONNA BENOIT
St. Columbanus
The serious side of Donna's nature seldom shows itself. On these rare occasions when it's revealed, it's fitting.

SHIRLEY BERONSKY
Sts. Peter and Paul
Shirley is as shy as some may be talkative, but it's only her quiet way, friends say.



DOLORES BIRMINGHAM
Little Flower
Has an individual and unique charm which springs to the surface when needed.

MARY ANN BLAIS
St. Catherine of Genoa
Fiery red hair and crystal blue eyes seem to enhance the dynamic personality Mary Ann possesses.

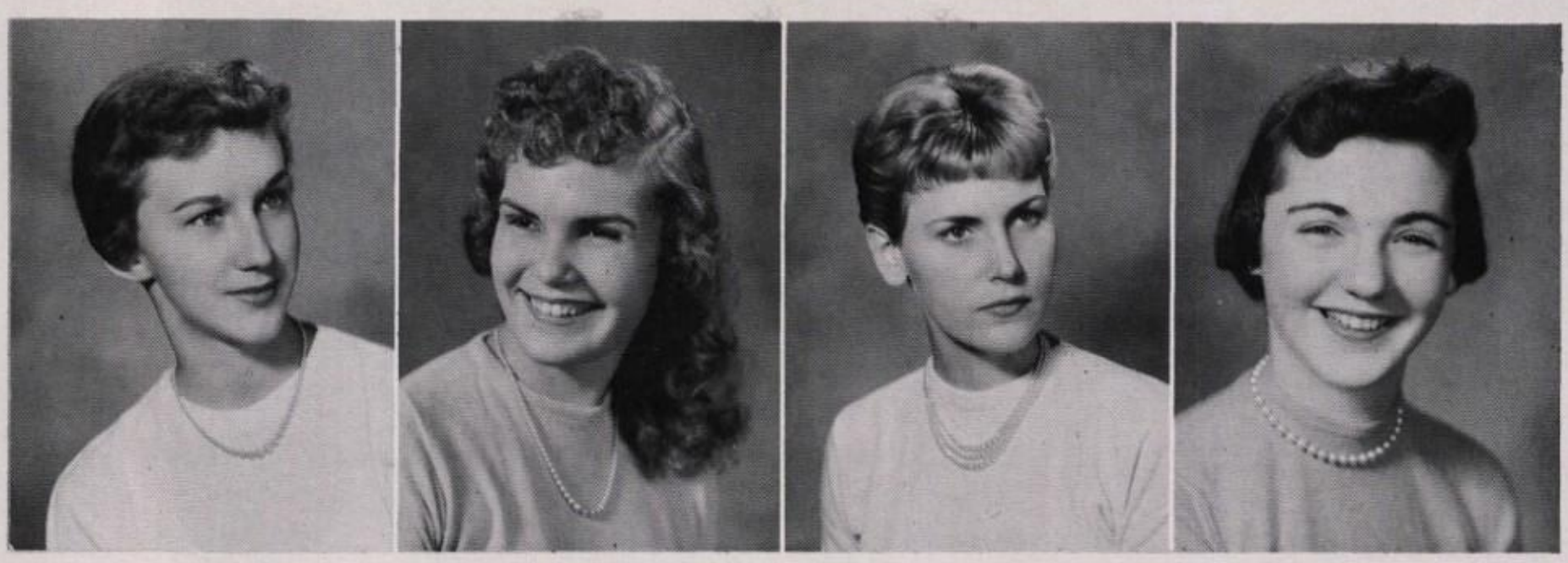
ROSE BLAKE
St. Francis de Paula
Rose's true cheerfulness has risen trimphant over gloom at any game.

EILEEN BOEKELOO
Holy Rosary
Amicable and with a love for excitement and a definite interest in fashion Eileen has a certain charm about her.

PATRICIA BOOKER
Barton
There is no rise or fall in Pat's emotions. When she does change, there is no demonstration of it.

EVELYN BORUCKI
St. Leo
Thoughtful as she is frank; loved by all for her delightful manner.

VICTORIA BOYD
St. Francis de Paula
Vicki is a little bit of quick silver attracting a host of friends.



VIVIAN BRODA
Little Flower
Viv's eager, ready smile and friendly eye, show a real fellowship for her classmates.

JUDITH BROWN
Little Flower
Reticent and self-contained, Judy is a student of considerable eminence.

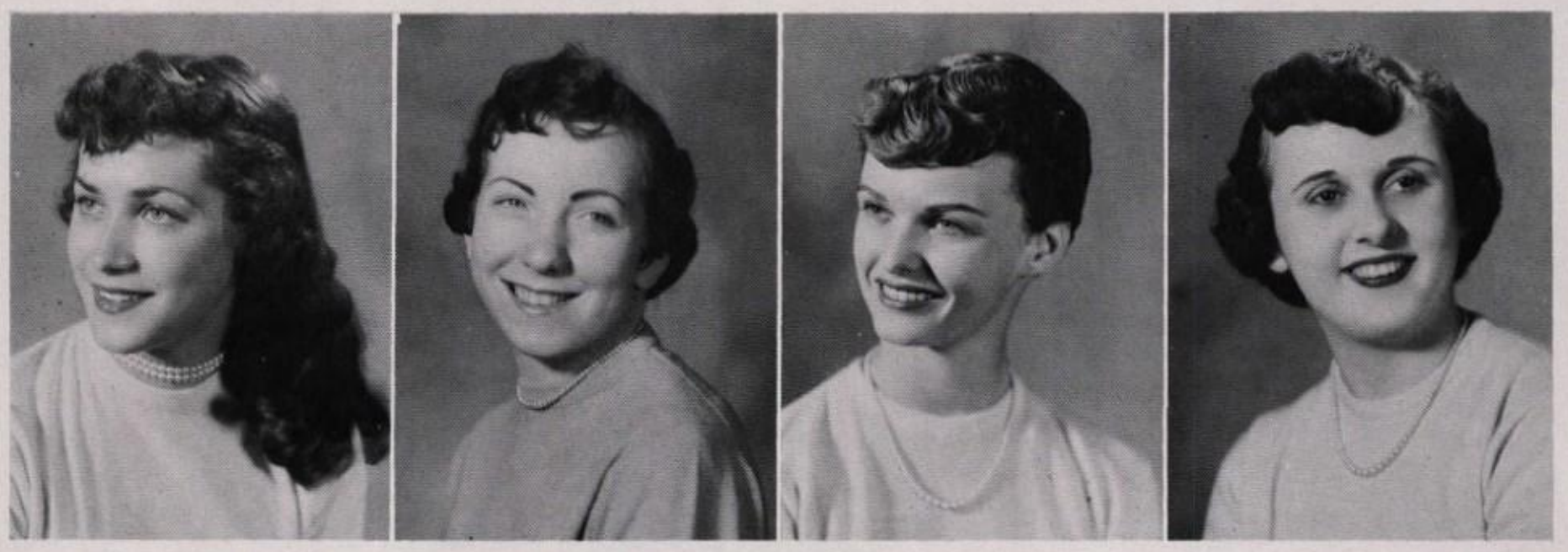
MARY DIANE BRUCKER
St. Gabriel
Mature and attractive, Di can turn a party into a debate at the flick of an eye. She wins respect and esteem.

KATHLEEN BRUEN
St. Cajetan
Happy Kathy, her happy-go-lucky antics unfailingly manages to keep us in stitches.

CAROL BUCHLER
Little Flower
Being kept quiet for more than two seconds is hard on Carol, for she always has something up her sleeve.

SHARON BUCKLEY
St. Leo
Sharon is self-reliant and her own master always. Unobtrusive brilliance that rescues the class may also be chalked up to Sharon.

ELAINE BUZA
St. Mary Magdalene
Brightens school life with her bright sense of humor. Sweet as the sweetest lump of sugar.



DOROTHY CAIN
St. Basil
Never last in mischief, Dottie pops up with unusual observations during otherwise dull classes.

SHEILA CALLAN
St. Philip Neri
The quiet gal with a good heart is always there when you need her. Showed her talents as a terrific skater at the Point.

LORETTA CANAVAN
St. Gabrial
Leads a buzzing life twirling for the football games. Vivacious and pretty.

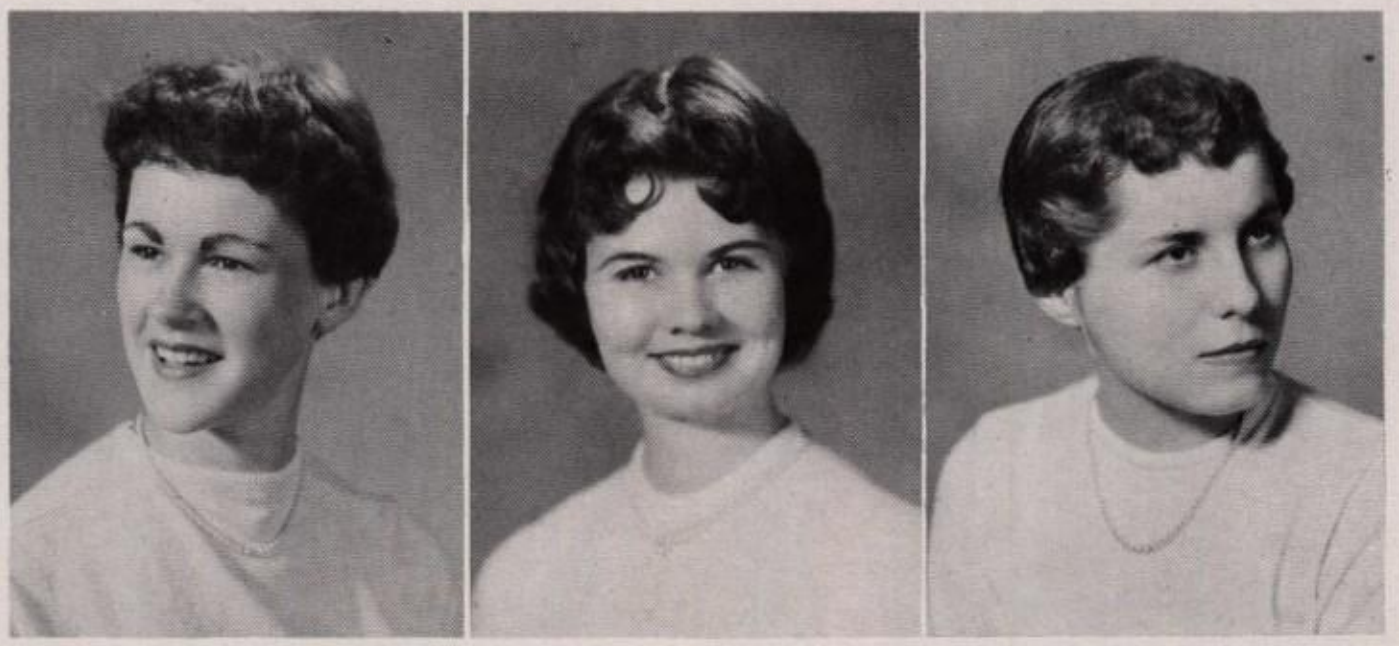
ROSEMARY CAPLIS
St. Leo
Sedate and generous Rose never ventures an opinion until challenged.

JUDY ANN CARDEN
St. Dorothy
Full of more wit and laughter than a comedienne but as sincere as a child.

BEVERLY CARNEY
St. Sabina
Bev in her own 'easy-going, good natured way joins in everything afoot.

DOROTHY CARNEY
Little Flower
Dot has a smile that is a passport into any company. She is refreshingly unsophisticated.

CAROL CASSIDY
St. Dorothy
Cass's kind and generous heart and wonderful sense of humor keep her many friends laughing continuously.



KATHLEEN CASSIDY
St. Nicholas
As Irish as a four leaf clover, but as mixed with vivacity and mischief as a brisk wind.

CAROLYN CAVANAUGH
St. Sabina
It is wondered if Carol is weaving dreams of becoming an opera star, for her work with the A Capella has not been overlooked.

ROSE MARIE CERETTO
St. Thomas the Apostle
Excitable and always on the go, Rosie's hands and eyes tell the story.

PATRICIA CHERKOSKY
Holy Rosary
Efficiency hidden by a soft, slow, gentle-moving voice consistant with inner refinement.

MARY CHILDRESS
Little Flower
Mary is quiet and serene but alway's has a hand for those in need.

MARIE CIAMPRONE
St. Jerome
Never misses a chance to do a favor for someone. Confident and sure.

MARY CLARKE
Little Flower
Quiet and refined as a young princess, but she has a certain amount of the mischievousness of a young puppy.

MARGARET COLLINS
St. Dorothy
Gives a lasting impression with her dark chestnut hair and vivid blue eyes; indeed, Peggy is a true Irish colleen.

CAROLE COMEIN
St. Branislava
All Mericans know Carole as the girl with the beautiful long hair. She is always friendly and pleasant.

SHEILA CONNAUGHTON
St. Ethelreda
A quiet pixie, whose friendship is treasured by all who share it.

JEAN CONNOLLY
St. Leo
Jean weaves a thread of nonsense through the dull fabric of routine, and doesn't mind school once she gets here.

CAROLYN COSTELLO
St. Gabrial
Carolyn wants to do things her own pet way which is lively and jovial.

PATRICIA COTTER
St. Theodore
Honor Student, knows the secret of satisfaction of doing all things well.

MAUREEN COURTNEY
St. Anne
Charity and unselfishness are the keynotes of Mo's personality. She is eventempered and congenial.

PATRICIA COX
Little Flower
Tiny perfection, moves as quickly and as suddenly as her laughter breaks; yet Pat is serious enough to make school worthwhile.

BERNA MAE CRINION
St. Francis de Paula
Music is as important to her as eating; is generous without seeming to be.

MARILYN CULP
Coles School
Never a dull moment with gay, carefree Mar around—a personality as energetic as she.

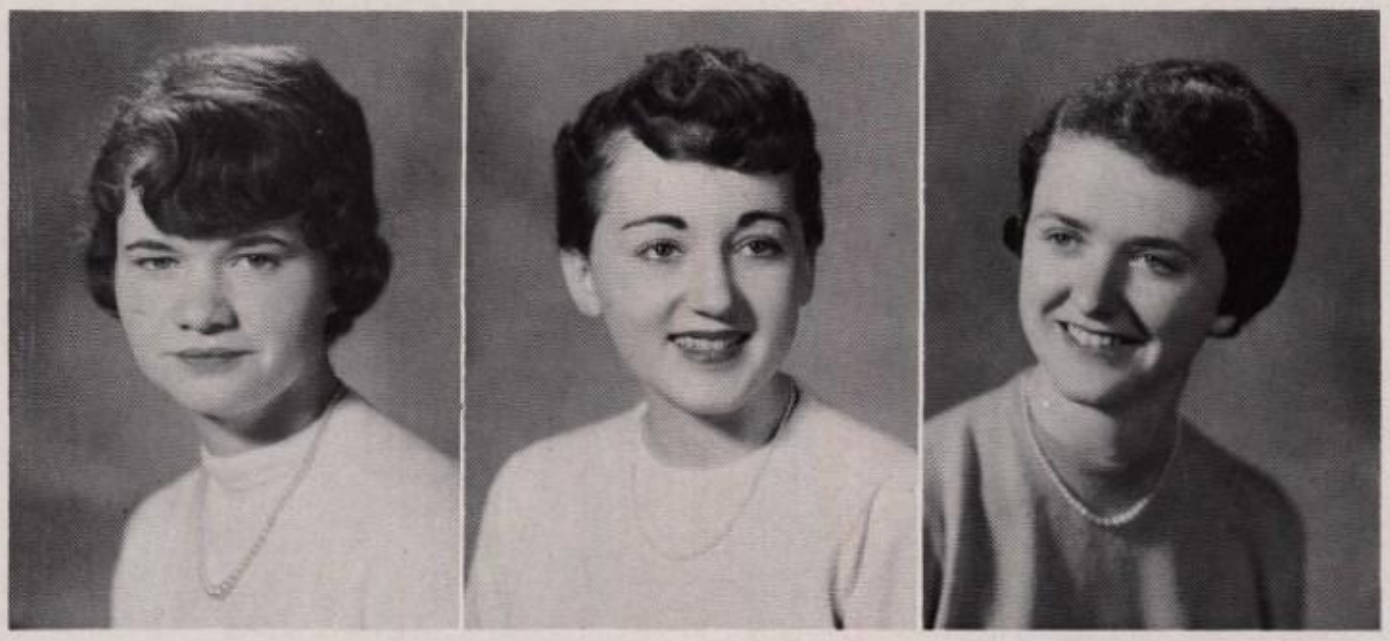
BETTY DAVIS
St. Joachim
Shows approval of another's wit with a broad smile. Betty is ever gay, ever friendly, and ever welcome.

PATRICIA DEACY
St. Leo
An eager participant in every conversation, Pat always has something to add,

MARY ANN DEE
St. Dorothy
Mary Ann has a dignity of thought, language, and bearing, all her own.

JOSEPHINE DE GRADO
St. Cecila
Quietly Jo keeps alive her simple-heartedness with impersonal kindness.

PATRICIA DEITELHOF
St. Gabrial
Tiny, but an astonishing scra of devilment for her size, Pa leaves behind a reflection youth.



MARY DELOUGHERY
St. Xavier
Mary, very quiet and reserved and still waiting for the day when someone pronounces her name correctly.

SANDRA DERRINGER
St. Dorothy
A little pixie who possesses a laugh almost as big as herself. Sandy has a "Bandbox look" from head to toe.

MARY DONOVAN
St. Laurence
Shy and sweet, with a boyish ingenuity. A terrific athlete.

PATRICIA DORGAN
St. Carthage
Character as strong as a March wind but as gentle as a lamb in her manner.

BARBARA DUNN
Little Flower
As petite and feminine as Princess Margaret, but contrastingly different with her light blond hair and delicate features.

MARGARET DURKIN
St. Ethelreda
Calm, cool, and collected; Margie is right up in front by use of her friendliness and intelligence.

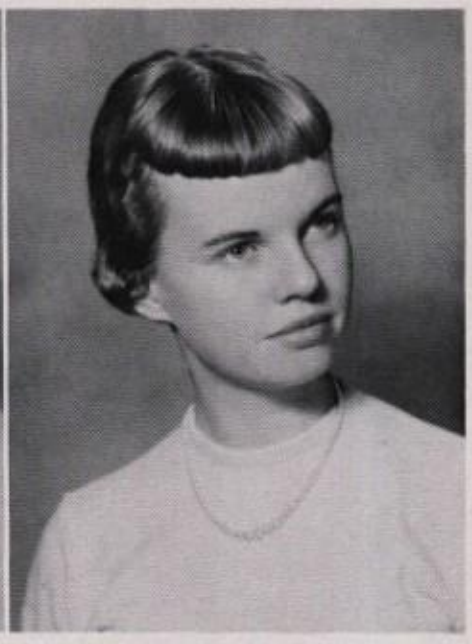
PATRICIA ELLIS
St. Dorothy
Fun-loving, warm, and refreshingly impetuous, Pat laughs with everyone when she makes a mistake.

JOAN THERESE ERICKSON
St. Dorothy
erfection plus. Along with eing able to do more than her hare "Doc" is neat and prim. his won her the title of Miss Posture".

PATRICIA EWONAITIS
St. Cecilia
Pat's youthful and enthusiastic appearance adds to that certain witty and indespensable charm that Pat possesses.

PATRICIA FARNER
St. Leo
Sweetness and pleasantness capsuled with dependability makes Pat a success as Recording Secretary of the Senior class. Pretty and conscientious.

ROSEMARY FARRELL
St. Columbanus
Loves to make up poems which are quite good. Always interested in others and is a loyal friend.



JEAN FEEHERY
St. Ethelreda
Has sparkling hazel eyes that display her warm and glowing personality.

MARYANN FITZGERALD
Holy Rosary
Maryann is an exemplification of the fact that every girl's a volume if you know how to read her. She is the other twin.

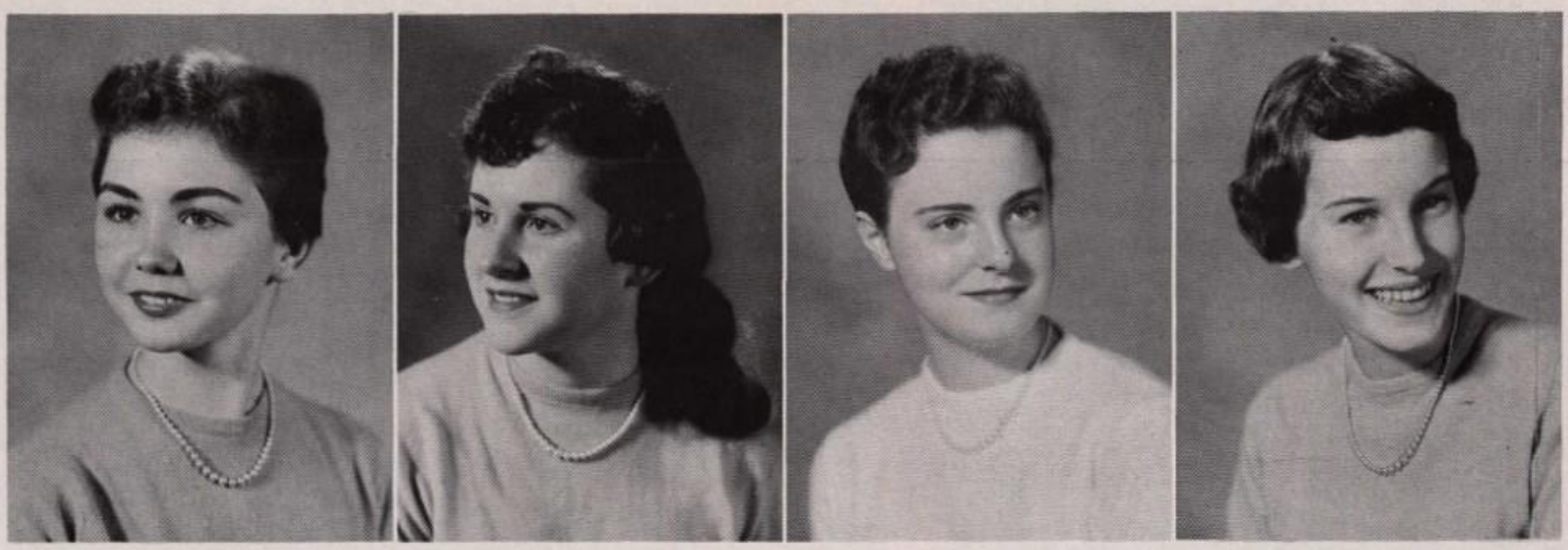
NANCY FITZGERALD
Hookway
We love to see Nancy get embarrassed, she looks terriffic in deep red.

ATRICIA FITZGERALD
Holy Rosary (Irish)
are things are precious, then must place a high value on s twin's occasional word.

MARILYN FLANAGAN
Little Flower
With a good quality of leadership and witty as well "Flannie" keeps the wheels of the Hi-Rays turning.

MARY ANN FLAVIN
St. Kilian
A typical business woman, fastidious in her ways, she is a typical "Beth" from "Little Women".

JEANNE FLOOD
Little Flower
Quiet, retiring manners, Jeanne is forever considerate of others.



VERONICA FLYNN
Our Lady Academy
Manteno, Illinois
Neatness and efficiency are the keynote of Ronnie's character which made her excel as secretary of the M.A.A.

MARY FOLEY
St. Justin Martyr
A laugh in a million-"Mugs" and her companions are equally devoted to dancing.

CLAIRE FOLMER
St. Joseph
Slender hands which are at ease on a piano. Tiny lights seem deep in vividly expressive eyes.

ANNE FOX
St. Bernadette
Annie is a true-blue girl. Whe things are fine she is jolly when they are not, she i sympathetic.

MARITHERESE FOX
St. Columbanus
One of Mercy's ever popular "Pepsodent Smile Gals", all white and gleaming.

JOYCE FRITSCH
St. Cajetan
Joyce is known to be quiet as a mouse but unlike the mouse her fun and laughter creep out with sudden surprise.

KAREN GAFFNEY
St. Columbanus
A veritable lover of humor, Karen's indespensible charm has won her a host of friends.

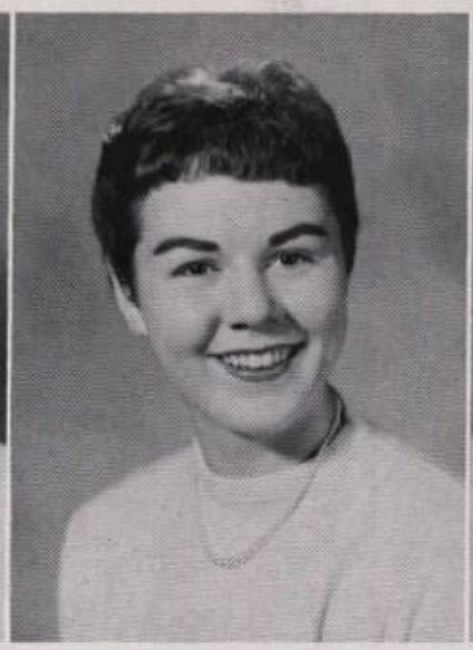
MARY KAY GALVIN
St. Dorothy
Loves a laugh and glows like a full moon when she does. Mary Kay never lets work interfere with her fun.

MARILYN GARRITY
St. Kilian
With her head up and her eyes on the lookout for mischief, Marilyn's versatile nature is revealed in every action.

MARIAN GEDRICK
Nativity
A comely beauty and arduous lover of Chemistry, Marian can claim many friends although only at Mercy a year.

ANN MARIE GIUFFRE
St. Mary Incoronata
Genuinely sweet and small bu has a heart as big as herself.

MAUREEN GLEASON
St. Leo
nthusiastic about everything
ne participates in. Interesting
ecause she is interested in
veryone.



MAUREEN GOBERVILLE
St. Cajetan
They must have been thinking of Mo when they wrote "When Irish Eyes are Smiling."

JOAN GOODFELLOW
Little Flower
Good-fellowship knows no end when "Goodie" comes on the scene, for she's always ready for wholesome fun.

CAROLA GRAFF
Holy Rosary (Irish)
Jolly at all times, loves life and all the things which go into it to make it worth living.

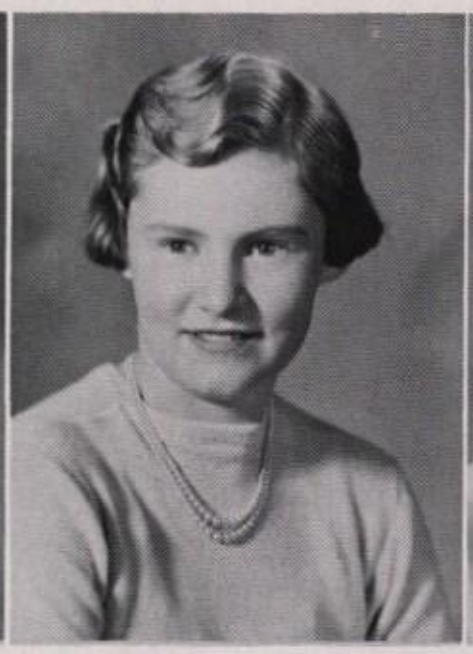
B ARBARA GRANAT
St. Rose of Lima
Barb has a determined personality as her name suggests.

COLETTE GUZIK
St. Xavier
One would never expect droll remarks from this "Little Girl" with that school-girl complexion and innocent blue eyes.

BETTY HASS
St. Justin
Betty picks up the thread of conversation whenever she can, and continues in excited tones.

ELAINE HAFER
St. Clotilde
Can take on the work of two
eople and often do it better.
he perfect student.

NANCY HARRISON
St. Felicitus
Possesses a tantalizing smile and snappy blue eyes that seem to set off her vivid coloring.



MARY JANE HART
St. Dorothy
A mind full of hopeful uplifting thoughts Mary is inflexible in purpose.

JOYCE HARTIG
St. Clotilde
Has that unmistakable appearance of a well-bred girl. Always makes a good impression upon all.

MARILYN HAVANEC
St. Rose of Lima
Her tantalizing smile is full of mischief, interest, and warmth.

ADRIENNE HUDKINS
St. Clotilde
Laughs off what would trouble others. A silver tongued orator.

ELAINE HUGHES
St. Dorothy
Serious, calm, and retiring, "Lainey" spends her energy in real honest-to-goodness work.

DOLORES HURLEY
St. Kilian
Dolores, in her own qui manner, is always ready to something for anyone.

CAROL ISAACS
St. Columbanus
Carol can always be trusted to be prepared with last night's homework.

JOAN JANOVIC
St. Raphael
The example of the perfect friend. Efficient and excels in anything she tries.

NANCY HEDDERMAN
St. Francis de Paula
A lively puff of March wind is Nancy as she swings along.

CAROL HEIN
St. Dorothy
Unspoiled mischief carrying a weight of talents; student, entertainer, writer—all wrapped up in a sheath of humility.

DIANE HILGER
St. Kilian
Shy in a crowd, but willing to show her likable qualities among friends.

JEAN HONNEGAR
Little Flower
Full of life and vitality outside of school, but holds a serious, all-attentive appearance in the classroom.

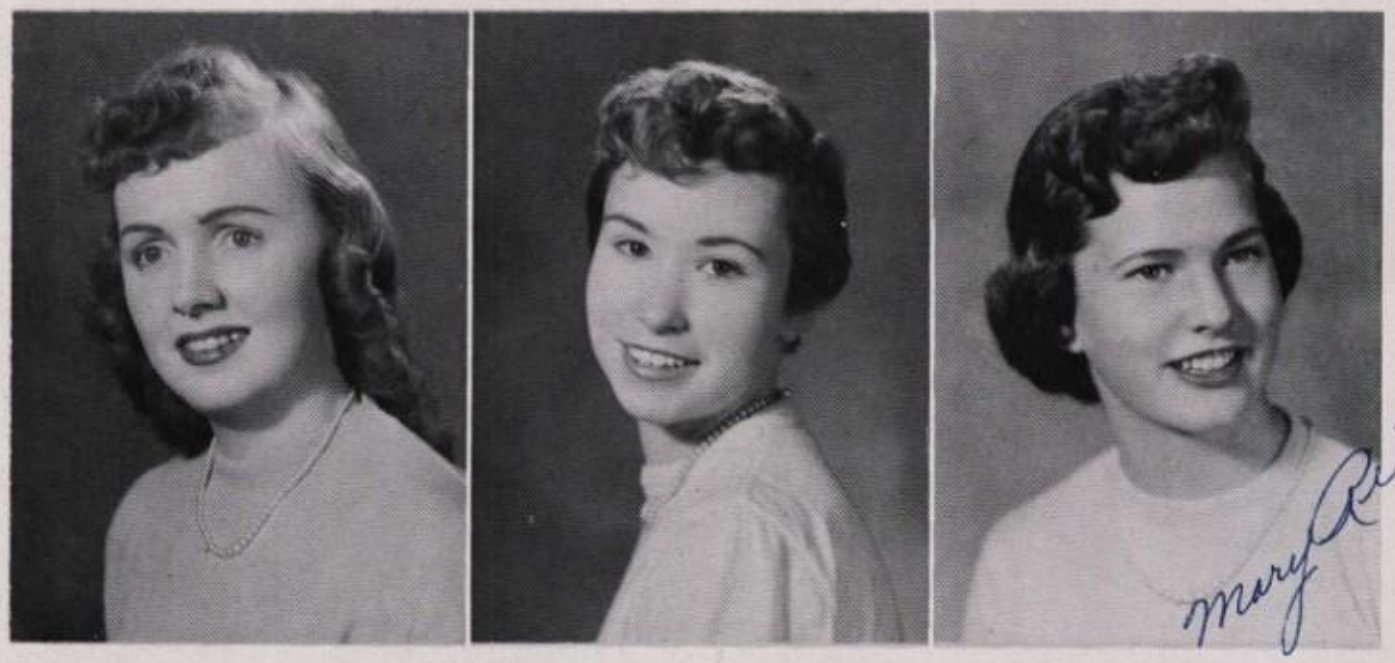
KARAN HORAN
St. Leo
Her hair gives a hint of t temper which rises to the s face and falls just as quick

VIRGINIA JANSEN
St. Dorothy
r tall and stately manner is
ly one of Virginia's gifts.
e is outstanding in the in-
lectual field.

BEATRICE JOHNSTON
St. Clotilde
An Irish beauty who shares everybody's friendship—respon-sible and understanding.

ROBERTA KANE
Coles School
Always enchanted by the pros-pect of doing a good turn. Sys-tematic patience is a noble virtue with Roberta.

BETTY ANN KARPINSKI
St. Thomas the Apostle
A dynamo of energy in any circumstan ce, Betty is always ready to go.



MARY ELLEN KEENAN
Sacred Heart
Will we ever forget Mary Ellen's crowning glory of red gold curls?

JOAN KELLEHER
St. Joachim
Sincerity and friendliness are the roads to her popularity. She greets everyone with a cheery "Hi".

MARY RITA KELLMAN
St. Clotilde
She executes all tasks with skill and zeal, which one can-not help but admire.

ELIZABETH KELLY
St. Bride.
ependable and conscientious,
lieves in the motto "Always
prepared"—and is.

KATHLEEN KELLY
Holy Cross
Kay's is a lively world where she finds thrills in the most common things.

MARGARET KELLY
St. Gabriel
Wherever she is there is always laughter. According to Peg everyone rates one of those Irish smiles.

SHEILA KELLY
Our Lady of the Angels
Sheila has distinctive and per-sistant traits which make all her interests vital and worth while.

GERALDINE KENNEDY
St. Gabriel
Her naturally curly hair is envied by all, but her smiling face and 50 words a minute when reciting sets us all agog.

THERESA KENNEDY
Little Flower
Quiet and unassuming, but always included when things are to be done or fun is to be had.

SHARON KERRIGAN
Little Flower
Writes and talks her convictions honestly—can never be swayed in an argument—a firm stand remains her greatest asset.

CATHERINE KILL
St. Dorothy
Friendly and pleasant, Cathe ine is liked by all who know he

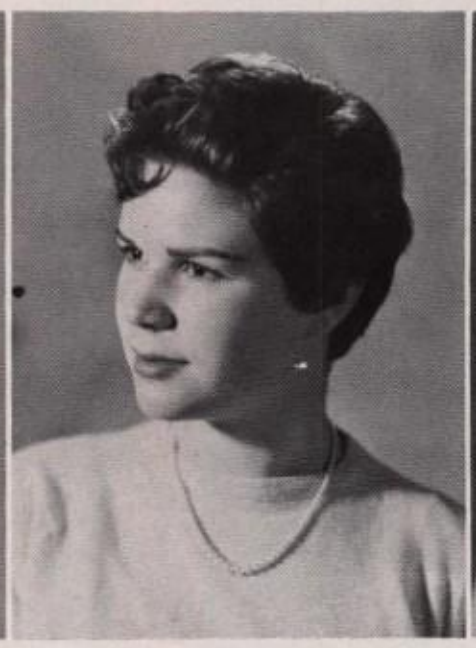
MARY CATHERINE KIRBY
St. Ethelreda
Serious, but always ready to be a part of the fun. She won the heart of every Mercy girl.

ROSEMARY KLEM
St. Gabriel
Reliable and industrious, Rose never leaves anything undone, but finishes it meticulously.

BARBARA KNAPP
St. Dorothy
Barbara, in her demureness, is a rival to a violet. She has an unobtrusive affection for her fellow man.

MARILYN KOHL
St. Dorothy
As frank and friendly as an honest handshake, and cheering as a happy smile—that's Marilyn.

FAYE KOPP
St. Catherine of Genoa
Tall and stately Faye is a true champion of all who call her friend.



ANNETTE KOVACIC
St. Justine Martyr
Annette's artistic ability combined with a genuine sense of humor makes her an ideal Mercy girl.

DIANE KOWALSKI
St. Michael
Listens attentively to direc ions to her popularity. Sh greets eeveryone with a chee "Hi".

CAROL LAWRENCE
St. Florian
Ever ready with spicy quips, Carol easily welded herself into the class of "56".

ADELE LINFOOT
Little Flower
Her quiet manners are totally over-ruled by her generosity.

MARY LINDQUIST
St. Leo
Never loses her lady-like manner. Red cheeks are her trade-mark on wintry mornings.

MARGARET LOFTUS
St. Francis de Paula
Peg's eyes always betray a mischievous little twinkle that spells a sparkling sense of humor.

ELAINE LONDAK
St. Clara
Elaine's life and vitality has made her many friends at Mercy.

DOLORES LOONAM
St. Clotilde
In her own quiet way "Lorrie" is one of those who gets along with everyone because of her genial spirit.

ALICE KRASINSKI
Immaculate Conception
As serious and unpretentious as a Philadendrum but her heart is as big and as full of generosity as the leaves of the Philadendrum.

MARGUERITE KUMMER
Standard
"Marge's" winning ways ushered her into the heart of every Mercy Girl. The secretarial type – efficient and competent.

MARY LAKE
St. Leo
Her ability to act makes her a great favorite in student plays. "Sadie" is the perfect secretary type.

JANET LANPHEAR
St. Columbanus
Brains and talent; this Mercy girl has them both—a perfect picture of fingers rippling over piano keys.

ROSEMARY LUCAS
Immaculate Conception
Profound interest in school work, Rosie is dutiful, yet fun loving.

CAROL LUCY
Holy Redeemer
Enough audacity to put to trial the patience of a saint; but, at the same time brings forth a chuckle from her victims.

HELEN LYONS
St. Kilian
A medieval page with a sense of refined humor. Helen's a dainty, true sweet, little miss.

BETTY McCARTHY
St. Leo
An enormous amount of energy for such a little girl—that's Betty.

KATHLEEN McCARTH
St. Thomas More
Has a models figure. Attracti and feminine. Never loses friend.

MARY KAY McCOLLAM
St. Dorothy
Mary Kay's red hair can always be seen bounding down Mercy's corridors as she runs to make her next class.

JACQUELINE McCULLOUGH
St. Gabriel
Holder of "Never a catty word" title for four years, a wit of lasting friendship—gives her individuality.

RITA McCULLOUGH
St. Clotilde
Is always willing to help someone else, cares for the feelings of others.

BARBARA McGARVEY
Little Flower
Our "Ed" always is ready with a spike for the Varsity. Barb's eagerness to make this Mercian the best on the market proved an impetus to those working under her. The book is only one example of the fruits of her reliability, enthusiasm, and hardworking spirit.

NANCY McINERNEY
St. Dorothy
Nancy is characterized by a humorous disposition "A fellow feeling makes one wonderous kind".

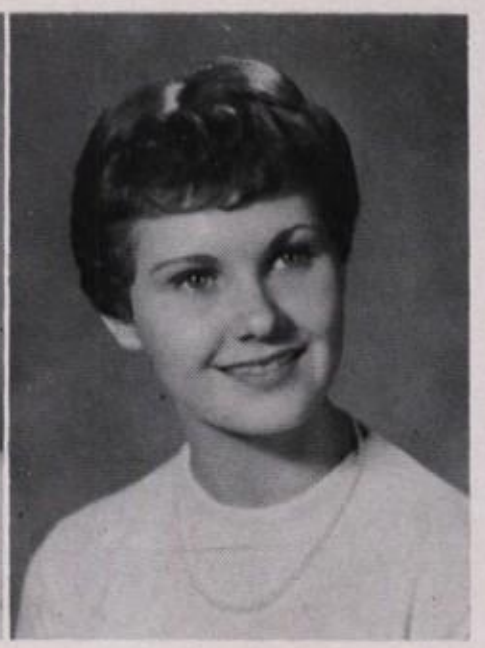
ROSEMARY McNICHOLAS
St. Kilian
Likeable to a high degree. She has a personality that sparkles whether she is talking or listening to you.

DONNA MACK
Our Lady of Solace
Donna can make the simple poetry sound like Shakespear Knows what she wants to sa has a reason for saying it, a emphatically says it.

DOROTHY MACK
Curtis
Quiet manner drenched with sweetness, a firm "note" for the A Cappella and for the Glee Club.

MARY MANGAN
St. Gabriel
Reserved and down to earth, Mary Ann never lets anything get her down.

BARBARA MATKEY
Bennett
Sweet manner, hearty smile, and true friendliness, are only a few of the many qualities she possesses.



MARJORIE MEEKINS
St. Agnes
Chicago Heights, Illinois
There is something like the sun's rays about Margie. One feels warmth and comfort when she's around.

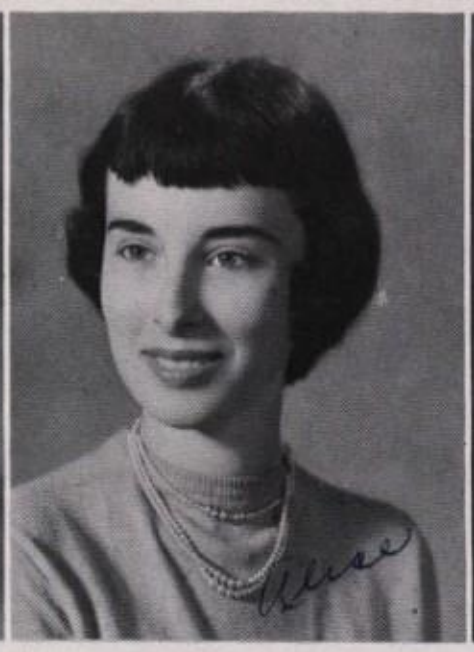
JEAN MELCHER
St. Cajetan
Accepts countless duties with a nonchalant smile, but executes them flawlessly.

ANITA MESSINA
St. Jerome
Likeable and friendly Red has a quiet personality brought out by intimate friends. Her generosity accents her quiet moods.

MARILYN MICHELS
St. Dorothy
Marilyn has the one commodity for which there is always a market—good will.

MARGARET MORAN
Holy Cross
akes the most of a situation, s a stray bird adapts itself to new atmosphere, Peg can dapt herself to most any tuation.

JOAN MOSKAL
St. Louis Academy
Curly blond locks but emphasize the "Little Girl" look which Joan possesses with charming results.



ALICE MOSS
St. Dorothy
Little "Miss Alice" is petite, but alarmingly full of big ideas which she does her best to fulfill.

VIRGINIA MOSS
St. Dorothy
"Ginny" is petite, but full of energy and moves with grace and ease. She has a knack for clever witty sayings.

PATRICIA MULKEEN
St. Columbanus
Dark eyes, Pat's whole life is a season of calm weather with a surprising amount of gaiety.

CAROLE MURPHY
St. Francis de Paula
Has a certain twinkle about her which attracts people to her like a pin is attracted to a magnet.

DONNA MARIE MURPHY
St. Joachim
Murph's quiet manner, is just a cover-up for her spirited personality. She is always ready with fresh news.

ROSILIE MURRAY
Holy Cross
Extremely lady-like at all times, her clear-cut loveliness enhances her picture like serenity.

CAYERL MUTH
St. Dorothy
The blonde streak in her hair seems to emphasize that wonderfully gracious streak which she possesses in her personality.

MARILYN NASO
St. Dorothy
The song writers must have been thinking of Marilyn when they wrote "Ain't She Sweet."

MARLENE NELSON
St. Dorothy
Life is glorious bubbling carefree hours for Marlene — a live-wire if there ever was one.

ESTHER NICOLETTE
St. Ailbe
A Grecian-like beauty-Esther has a certain serenity about her that makes one feel calm when one sees her.

ESTHER NICOLI
Holy Rosary
Feminine without a doubt, bright red hair and a peaches and cream complexion add a hint to the perfection that Esther is.

MARY ELLEN NORRIS
Holy Cross
Like a star shines in the sky, Mary Ellen shines in the field of drama.

MAUREEN NORTON
St. Thomas the Apostle
Maureen teaches us that charity and friendliness are a little higher than the sky.

LUCILLE NOWACKI
St. Mary Magdalene
Always in a hurry, but can find time to be helpful and fun-loving. Never runs out of new antics.

JUDITH NYLAND
St. Columbanus
Homework never effects Judy; she is reliable in keeping up the grades and spirit of the room.

DOROTHY O'CONNER
St. Dorothy
Dot makes herself readily liked, because of her genuine merry nature.

NANCY O'DONNELL
St. Joseph
Homewood, Illinois
Nancy possesses the dimples and drawl of a Southern belle.

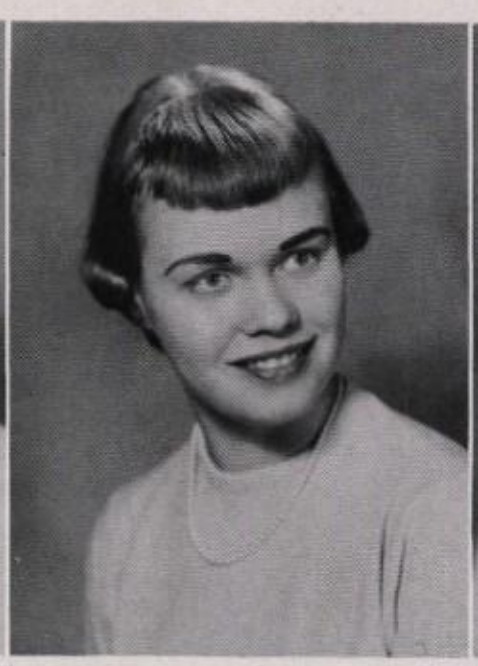
NEDRA O'HANLEY
St. Francis de Paula
Nedra's humor is a mixture of love and wit, which shows misfortune the door.
"Always remember O'Hanley's".

MARY O'HARE
Little Flower
"Neat as a Pin", that saying must have been composed for Mary. She is always the proverbial pin.

MARGARET O'KELLY
St. Justin Martyr
Margaret may seem to be quiet at times, but her Irish wit always comes to her rescue.

BARBARA OKLESHEN
Holy Rosary
Barb is ever busy with her primping. Always anxious to do something exciting.

JUDITH OLSON
Alhambra
Phoenix, Arizona
Judy may be as quiet as the proverbial church mouse but her fun and laughter creep out with startling surprise.



JEAN O'NEILL
St. Sabina
Her arched eyebrows and full shaped lips reminds one of Venus, the Goddess of Beauty.

KATHLEEN O'SHEA
St. Leo
Spirited and sturdy, Kay is one of the most wholesome and natural girls of the day.

SHIRLEY OSKILANEC
St. Joachim
Shirley will never know the drab monotony of eventless days. She makes her own events.

CAROL PANN
St. Rose of Lima
Nothing bothers this girl. Always prepared with her lesson.

DIANE PAZAK
St. Dorothy
Always enchanted by the prospect of doing a good turn. Whether it's studying, cleaning, or fooling around Di works hard at it.

JANE PHILIPS
St. Bride
She'll always remain one of th greatest in Mercy girls' hearts Put together all the qualitie of the ideal high school gi and you'll have Janie.

KATHLEEN POWER
St. Thomas More
Kay is a prepetual tease; she can usually be found outside the classroom door.

MARY PRZYBYLSKI
St. Rose of Lima
Lovingly religious, quiet, and beautifully feminine.

MARGARET PURTILL
St. Sabina
Peg is a regular funmaker whose pranks are a constant source of fun.

PATRICIA QUINLAN
St. Brendan
Sincerity and sweetness are written into her face and whole character.

LAURA QUINN
St. Nicholas of Tolentine
Original, versatile, serious, and an all around good sport.

MARILOU QUINN
St. Clotilde
Candidly and indifferently Mary gets what she can out of life.

AUDREY RAKOWSKI
Immaculate Conception
A demure look about her—Audre has a refreshing and invigo ating appearance.

ARY DIANE RANDALL
St. Alibe
uiet and unassuming as a dor-ouse, but has a smile as arm as the sun.

SALLY RATIGAN
Holy Cross
"Scholar" always has time to greet a friend. Her friendship, once gained, can never be lost.

RITA REGAN
St. Dorothy
Tall and slender, Rita can change her moments from gay to solemn with a blink of her eyes.

ROSE ANN REICHLING
St. Gabriel
She finds a quip in everything she tackles. Wherever she goes she is happy.

MARY ANNE REIDY
Little Flower
Strolls through life and never lets anything upset her calm manner. Mary Anne always has a "Hello" for fellow Mericans.

MARY THERESE REIDY
St. Sabina
Mary is true to her name, clear, clean, and kind.

VIRGINIA REITMAIER
St. Kilian
Cordial and friendly Ginny is a blonde miss who has an ingenious way of displaying her greatest asset-a kind heart.

JOSEPHINE RIGGIO
St. Clotilde
o is as neat as a pin and is incere in her friendliness.

DENISE ROBIN
St. Gabriel
While she pretends to be idle rather than have others think she studies, Denny's head is in a merry jumble of studies, basketball, and unusual ideas for the Hi-Rays.

BARBARA ROGERS
Dixon
Beauty and common sense which are rarely combined are becoming in Barbara.

KAY ROSENBAUM
St. Dorothy
Kay takes things as they come and goes smiling through.

LORETTA ROSSI
St. Joachim
Loretta's shy smile and friendly manner combine to make a dainty queen.

CATHERINE ROWLEY
Holy Rosary (Irish)
Kay has an attractive personality along with an easy charm, but is slightly mischievous.

REGINA RUBERRY
Our Lady of Peace
Friendly to everyone, always ready to try hard in everything.

JOSEPHINE RUBINO
St. Cecilia
Sweet Jo would give you her last dime; is a treasure to all her friends.

DIANE RUSWICK
St. Catherine of Genoa
Under any heated argument, demure Di always manages to stay calm.

JOAN RYAN
St. Nicholas of Tolentine
Dutiful, yet fun-loving, that is our Jo—always on the go.

JOYCE RYAN
Little Flower
Fun-loving and sometimes mischievous, Joyce is a true and loyal Mercy girl.

KAREN RYAN
Bennett
One of the sweetest girls in school; her refined and gentle graces bring to her the respect and love of her classmates.

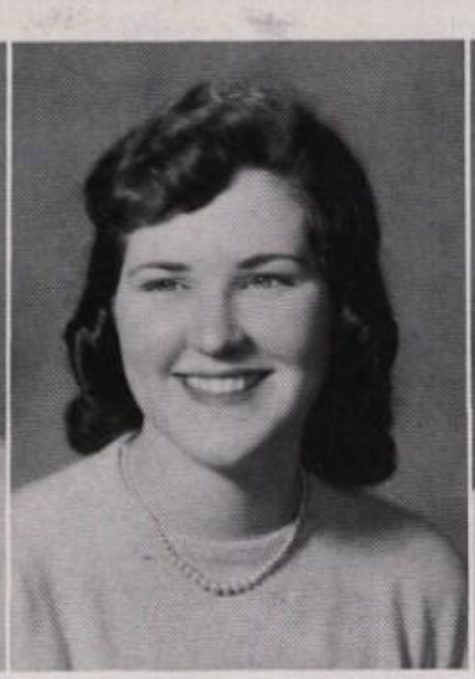
STEPHANIE SAILER
St. Clotilde
As dainty and petite as a piece of fine china, but bursting with as much energy as a young colt.

BETTY SALZMAN
St. Leo
A whiz at shorthand, Betty will undoubtedly become a "private Secretary" par excellence.

PHYLLIS SCHLOGEL
St. Justin Martyr
Full of fun, but has a serious side. She seems always to be full of vitality.

HELEN SCHUIT
St. Dorothy
orries constantly about trivial
ings. Warm heart pursues only
hat is good.

JUANETTA SCHUMAN
St. Ambrose
Juanetta with a soul of gold, and a mind of quick silver.



TRUDY SEQUIN
St. Leo
As lovely as a Rose with a heart as good as gold.

CAROL ANN SEMENIUK
St. Justin Martyr
Utmost composure is a fame claimed by Carol. Her perfect record of unselfish generosity has won for her many friends.

CYNTHIA SHARP
St. Michael
Serious and precise in her approach to the business at hand, Cynthia is always ready when needed.

MARGARET MARY SHEA
Little Flower
Has a warm quick smile which is truly genuine. Talkative when you get to know her.

LOUISE SHEFFNER
St. Bernadette
The gal with a nose for news and a loud cheer for "Mercy"—quick in motion and speech, full of pep, and go, and loyalty.

LORELIE SIMON
St. Anne
orelie's singing ability in the
A Cappella combined with a
sweet disposition makes her
an ideal Mercy girl.

MARJORIE SIMON
St. Columbanus
Evades the clothes problem by making her own. As serious or gay as the occasion demands.

MARLENE SLATERITZ
St. Cecila
Possesses poise from every angle Marlene is very stable and independent in her ways.

DOLORES SLATTERY
St. Clara
Dolores's greatest possessions are a kind heart and a sense of humor.

ARLENE SLAWINSKI
Immaculate Conception
Arlene is quick on the recovery for a volleyball and gives aid to everyone who needs it.

PATRICIA SLOAN
Little Flower
A blonde beauty who sparkles everyplace she is. Talkative, she thrives on meeting new people.

ALYCE SMITH
Bennett
Serious at one moment and full of gaiety the next, Alyce is a true pal to all.

AMELIA SPILLER
St. Anthony of Padua
As Priorus of the Third Orde of Mount Carmel she encourage the organization on to gain to honors in the school.

IRMA STAJKOWSKI
Immaculate Conception
Agile in the Sports field, Irma is relaxed and at ease at all times, even in a predicament.

AUDREY STAZY
Coles Howard
Candidly and indifferently Audrey gets what she can out of life. She has a charm of naturalness.

MARIANNE STEINMETZ
St. Leo
Business-like Marianne has that certain irresistible charm that will make her go places in life.

MARY ALICE STENGEL
St. Ann
Lansing, Illinois
Mary is always lively, never sad. She is the kind of friend that makes you feel very warm inside.

ELAINE STRUBEL
Immaculate Conception
Whether its entertaining her close friends or studying for an exam, Elaine works hard at it.

BERNADETTE SZFRANSKI
St. Michael
Popularity due to a balancing of vivacious good humor and seriousness.

JOSEPHINE SZCZESNY
St. Justin
Whatever the goal be, Jo is sur to attain it. Forgives and for gets everything but her studies

DOROTHY TAGUE
St. Catherine of Genoa
ot always industrious and ay, greets you with a sunny nile, and a twinkle in her eye.

BETTY TESSMER
Little Flower
As quiet as a fish gliding through water, but Betty has a personality as vibrant as the sun beaming on fresh fallen snow.

JANE TEXTER
St. Justin Martyr
Like a page from Vogue her arched dignity and rhythmical gestures bring many admiring glances.

BARBARA TUIDER
St. Christina
As cheery at the beginning of the week as she is at the end, Barb is always a welcome sight when one feels gloomy.

MARGARET TURES
St. Gabriel
Peg delves into her studies with enthusiasm, but let a sound of laughter pop out and Peg joins in.

PATRICIA WADAS
St. Bronislava
Tops in her scholastic efforts Pat also has self-assurance and poise to add to her abilities.

MARIANN WALSH
St. Francis de Paula
Mickey has that inevitable sense of humor which will carry her through life and make it seem as if it were nothing.

MARY ANNE WALSH
St. Bride
entimentally pleasant as she eminds you of an "Old Fashion- d Girl" with her genuinely ady-like manner.

PATRICIA WALSH
St. Dorothy
Tall, slender, carries herself with grace and ease. Talkative and includes everybody in her conversations.

RITA WALSH
St. Justin Martyr
Petite and seemingly un- noticeable Rita definitely possesses a boundless bundle of energy.

THERESE WALSH
St. Dorothy
Therese's views and tastes are modern to the highest degree. She appreciates the gaiety of social life.

MADELYNN WARDA
St. Rita
A personality all her own which is lively and liked by all. Has a passion for pony tails and being nice to people.

MARY LOU WASSER
St. Felicitas
The quiet, sedate composure which Mary Lou always possesses denotes her self-confidence.

CAROL WEBBER
St. Columbanus
When she is quiet she's very, very quiet, when she acts up she has everyone laughing-always an air of mystery about her.

LOUISE WEINBERGE
Little Flower
Weary and Louise are strange She often finds laughter wh others miss it.

NANCY WEISS
St. Justin Martyr
Versatile in her spirit Nancy can be frivolous when the occasion calls for it.

CHARLOTTE WEITZEL
St. Columbanus
History repeats itself in Charlotte, a combination of the staunch pioneer woman, the Gibson girl, and the modern twentieth-century girl.

SHARON WHIDDON
St. Clotilde
Talented and wonderful girl. That's what makes Sharon one of our favorites.

CAROL WIECK
St. Nicholas
Gay and winsome—that's way her friends describe Ca

MARY ELLEN WINTERS
Little Flower
Mary Ellen shows sweetly becoming dignity in her every movement-smiling, helpful always.

ELAINE WOHLFAHRT
St. Justin Martyr
Quiet conversationalist—has the effect of leisure.

ELIZABETH WOLFENBERGER
St. Francis de Paula
Liz a magnetic personality and winning smile deserves our lasting friendship.

LORALEE WYNNE
St. Patrick
Modern in her sky-bound a tions Loralee spends her d in retiring quietness.

The senior class pledges it's loyalty as newly accepted members of the Mercy High School Alumnae.

A Big day in the lives of the Seniors

Father Hayes kneels in adoration before blessing the Alumnae with the Divine Guest.

Juniors

JUNIORS WITH NEW RIN

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Earnshaw, Jeanne

Evans, Carole | Feigl, Marilyn | Frency, Virginia | Gallacher, Mary

Geil, Ruffina | Horne, Mary Ruth | Jann, Carole | Kelly, Patricia Ann

Kelly, Dolores | Lally, Diane
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Snarskis, Adelle | Sobanski, Charlotte | Stanton, Charlene | Wright, Julie
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Canfield, Penny

Dankert, Kathleen

Clifford, Barbara

Cody, Carol

Cody, Caron

DenBesten Dorothy

Crowley, Margaret

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104

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Garrity, Patsy

Holmes, Donna

Geovanes, Barbara
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Fatka, Lynn
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Harvey, Kay

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Kenny, Pat

Loftus, Lynne

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Malak, Millicent

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Millette, Juliann

Moore, Carole

Muth, Nancy

Norris, Kathleen

O'Connor, Charlene

O'Connor, Sandra

O'Neil, Carole

Preden, Barbara

Radigan, Carol

Rosenbach, Barbara

Ryan, Mary Therese

Sahagun, Sandra

Sinkler, Sandy

Stoffey, Virginia

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Vaci, Eleanor

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Welch, Joan

Benware, Jean

Cain, Charlotte

Biegel, Phyllis Bluhm, Margaret

Bradley, Rosalie Buckley, Arlene
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Cerrone, Valerie

Corsey, Kathleen

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Flatley, Kay

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McNicholas, Kathleen

Meeker, Diane

Moran, Sue

Murphy, Joan
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Scolum, Eleanor

Sheahan, Eileen

Tadin, Dolores

Tierney, Barbara

Tracy, Carole

Albano, Judy

Domenico, Barbara

Barchard, Joan

Cunningham, Sharon

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Gacek, Rita

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Goodwin, Diane

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Hayes, Mary

Hecht, Mary

Janes, Carol

Johnson, Mary

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Lyons, Frances

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McCarthy, Anne

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Morley, Joyce

Morrison, Jo Ann
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O'Brien, Catherine

Pinsonneault, Madelyn

Olson, Margaret

Quinlan, Sheila

Scanlan, Mary Therese

Schaefer, Judy Ann

Scheibel, Mary Therese

Vahl, Marion

Welchans, Carol

Wyand, Joan

Wison, Charlene

Byrne, Rose

Cullet, Joyce

Carney, Betty

Cmeyla, Josephine

Crowley, Mary Alice

Cunningham, Arlene

Crowley, Sue

Curtin, Sheila

Fanning, Rita

Gorman, Alida

Haas, Margaret

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Goeing, Bernadette

Hoffman, Dolores

Hopkins, Maureen

Jud, Carol

Kennedy, Patricia

Kilcoyne, Patricia

Krause, Joann

McGrath, Mary

McMillan, Rosemary

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O'Malley, Denise

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Hahn, Marion

Cariola, Peggy
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Durkin, Peggy

Gannon, Eileen

Dombroski, Judy

Finnegan, Joyce

Jaros, Patricia

Kaczmarek, Louise

Kolkibeck, Judy

LeCuyes, Geraldine

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Scruggs, Mary

Shanahan, Eleanore

Steed, Maureen

Tomezak, Darlene

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Weiss, Jean

Zene, Norene

Gies, Carol

Benware, Joan

Cleary, Mary Jean

Brennan, Margaret

Broderick, Ann

Byron, Barbara
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Collins, Patricia

Cahill, Mary
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Cora, Sandra

Donelan, Anna Marie

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Shea, Nancy

Sherry, Marianne

Skinner, Celine

Vesvardes, Joan

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Sophomores

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Gaal, Leona
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Novak, Mariann

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Walsh, Geraldine

Wynne, Karen

Balje, Rosemary

Brucker, Evelyn

Cody, Judith

Daley, Mary Jean

Delaney, Julia

Diver, Catherine

Farrell, Patricia

Flanagan, Kathleen

Foote, Jane

Furlong, Judith

Gagliardi, Jean

Goodfellow, Karen

Hecht, Barbara

Hernandez, Margarit

Hughes, Mary

Jensen, Sue

Kearns, Mary Catherine

King, Bernadette

Kubiak, Joanne

Lawlor, Margaret

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McDonnell, Eileen

McGroarty, Elizabeth

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Keenan, Nancy

Heinze, Hedy

McGreal, Carol

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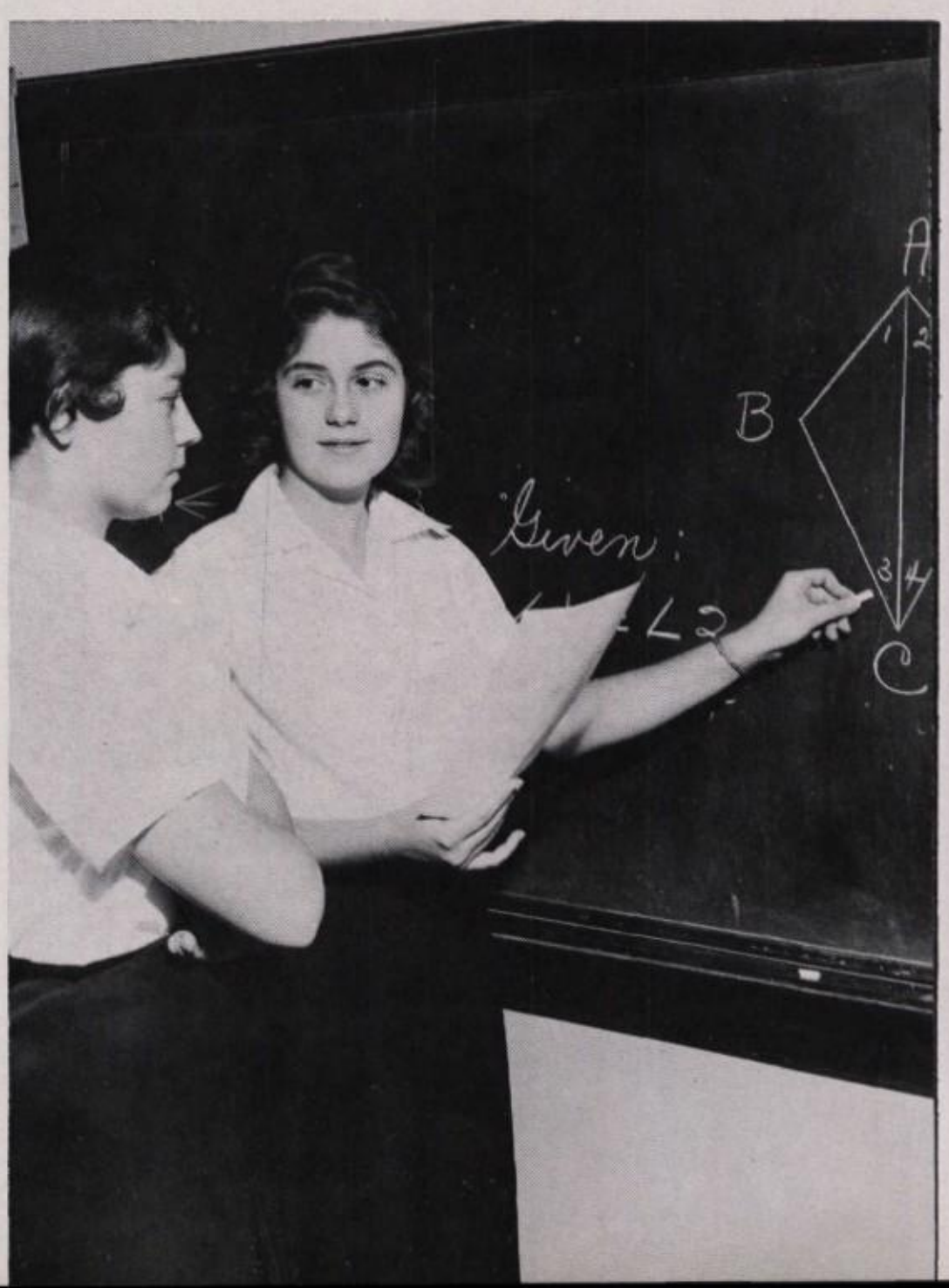
Sophomore math brings light–hearted girls to very serious thinking.

Strictly Sophomore



Two happy sophomores "dip" into one of God's "Workshops".

Freshmen

1st DAY OF SCHOOL – FRESH

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Vacca, Marlene | Valenta, Joan | Whitman, Judy

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Kubiak, Patricia | Manderianeo, Frances | Mansa, Janet (Picture Missing) | McCollam, Grace | Moster, Peggy | Naglesmith, Jo Ellen | Powers, Patricia

Prowley, Ellen | Rimkus, Geraldine | Rinschler, Lois | Ryan, Margaret, Secretary | Slattery, Margaret

Suerth, Dorothy | Saffrahn, Mary Ellen | Turner, Laurel

Wagner, Eleanora | Whiddon, Mary Ellen

Freshmen Room 314

Ahearn, Carol | Bergmann, Kathleen | Burns, Marie | Cara, Barbara | Celmer, Bonny | Curtin, Joan | Dunne, Eileen | Fleming, Sharon

Fuscaldo, Dorothy | Gilchrist, Peggy | Gilhooly, Maureen | Henderson, Patricia | Kelly, Patricia | Leskie, Marianne | MacLean, Patricia | Martin, Patricia

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Dziedric, Sandra

Quinlan, Joan

Goetz, Mary

Golden, Mary

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Herbert, Donna
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Noonan, Vicke

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Freshmen Room 316

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Belanger, Mary Anne

Barrett, Kathleen

Blumka, Patricia

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Cummings,
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ummings, Margaret

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Duhig, Mary

Glon, Jaclyn

Green, Eileen

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Long, Jean

Miller, Alice

Murphy, Rita Ann

Moss, Helen

Mitchell, Marie

McGovern, Patricia

Nekas, Carolyn

Osborn, Mary

O'Rourke, Maureen

Pappas, Judy

Sebo, Dorothy

Swartz, Judith

Socher, Rosalie

Swartout, Patricia

Vaci, Tamara

anderheide, Kathryn

Winters, Kathleen

Wagner, Marian

Freshmen Room 317

Sister Mary Veronita, R.S.M.

The educational aims of Mother McAuley are still the aims of her "daughters" – the teachers of Mercy High School. These aims are simply the development of God–given capacities or the "abilities to become". All classes offered set goals for each individual–scholarship, specialization, progressiveness.

Classes

Freshmen

YOU CAN TELL A FRESHMAN BY
HER EAGER, HAPPY LOOK . . .

RELIGION
To the Freshmen, as well as the Seniors, Father Hayes proves an inspiring instructor.

LATIN
A dead language — but with the eager faces — we sometimes wonder!

ENGLISH
From poetry to the dictionary — a well-trod path for future Shakespearians.

FRENCH
Ah! Still looking forward to a trip to Paris! Wonder if those French students will ever get to try out their knowledge?

SCIENCE

An interesting group of Chemistry students – Ooops! Pardon us! It's the Freshman General Science Class!

ALGEBRA

Charts help to prove to aspiring freshmen that the "mysterious" soon unfolds into "realism" as they prove x = y.

BIOLOGY

Sister Adrian's "wise old owl" proves interesting study for these three scrutinizing sophomore scientists.

GEOMETRY

"S.A.S. ≅ S.A.S." Greek to many, but to Sister Mary Eugene's geometry students it's an every-day occurrence.

Sophomores

YOU CAN TELL A SOPHOMORE . . .
CAUSE SHE CARRIES ONE LESS BOOK.

The study of the Mass is the topic for these studious sophomores. "Are you sure you spelled the names of the vestments and vessels correctly?" inquires Sister Mary Dorothea.

We can't blame this little "Latin quartet" for looking so puzzled – there can't be much left after "Gaul is divided into three parts" for so many centuries.

"No comprendo" would certainly not be the answer from these Sophomore Spanish students if they were asked, "Do you understand Spanish?"

Looks like the Sophomore foods class is doing a two-fold job at one time: washing dishes and boiling water.

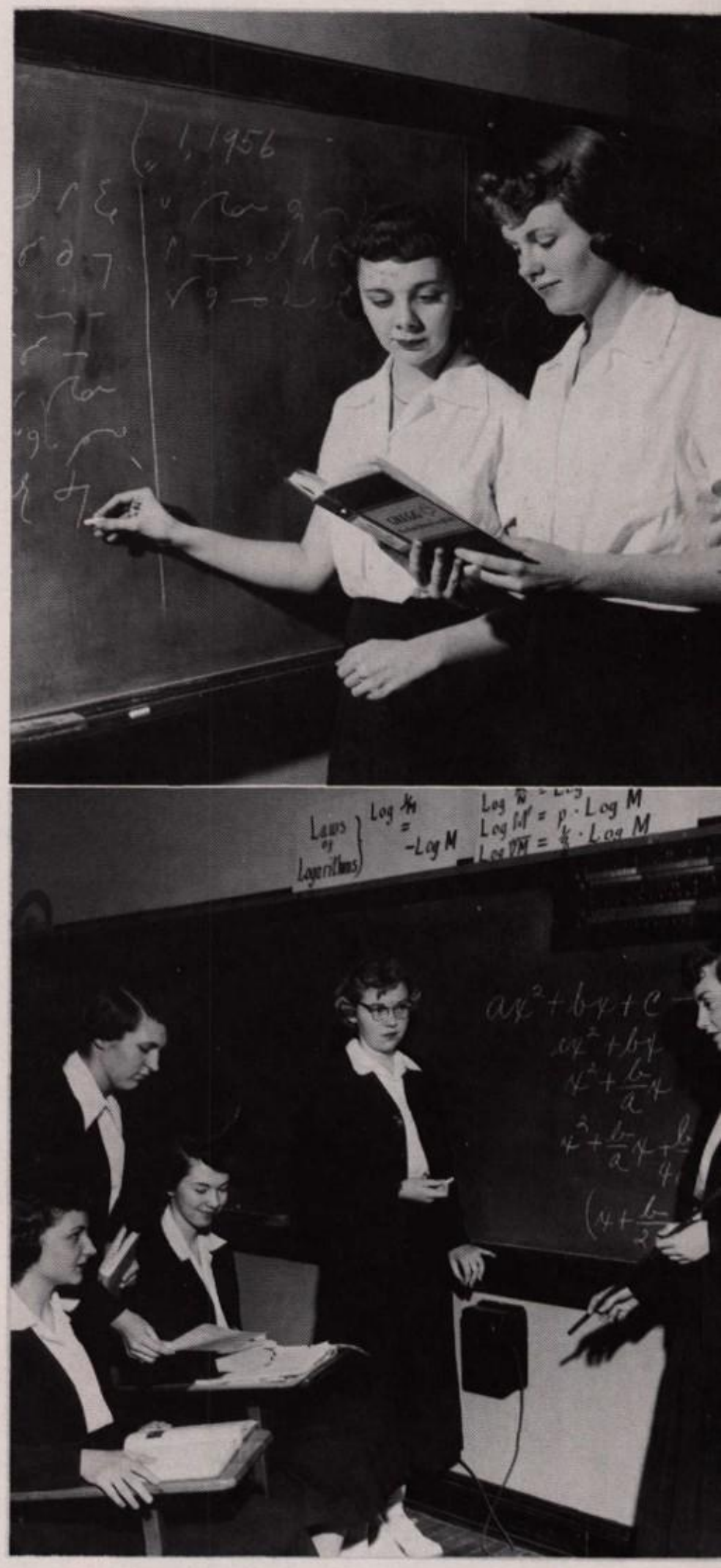
Juniors

YOU CAN TELL A JUNIOR BY HER
DASHING AIR AND SUCH . . . .

HISTORY
One duty we all dislike is being moderator of a panel discussion. Carol seems to be enjoying it immensely while the panelists think it's amusing. Let us all in on it, girls!

SHORTHAND
Well, what really matters is . . . . that you can read it yourself.

ENGLISH
"Putting their best foot forward" is what the Juniors are doing lately with their themes. Those precious folders each girl holds contain the story of her life. Nancy seems to be expounding a high point of interest in hers. Pat looks rather glum.



Mary Lou and Peggy seem to know all about the Derivation of the Quadratic Formula, but Ruth seems to need some more help.

CHEMISTRY

Maybe if just another drop of HCL is added m--a--y--b--e it will all blow up!

LOGIC

Aristotle himself could not have held the attention and interest of his logicians as well as Pat.

PHYSICS

All these science majors seem to have little trouble working out the problems, especially Jo.

AMERICAN PROBLEMS

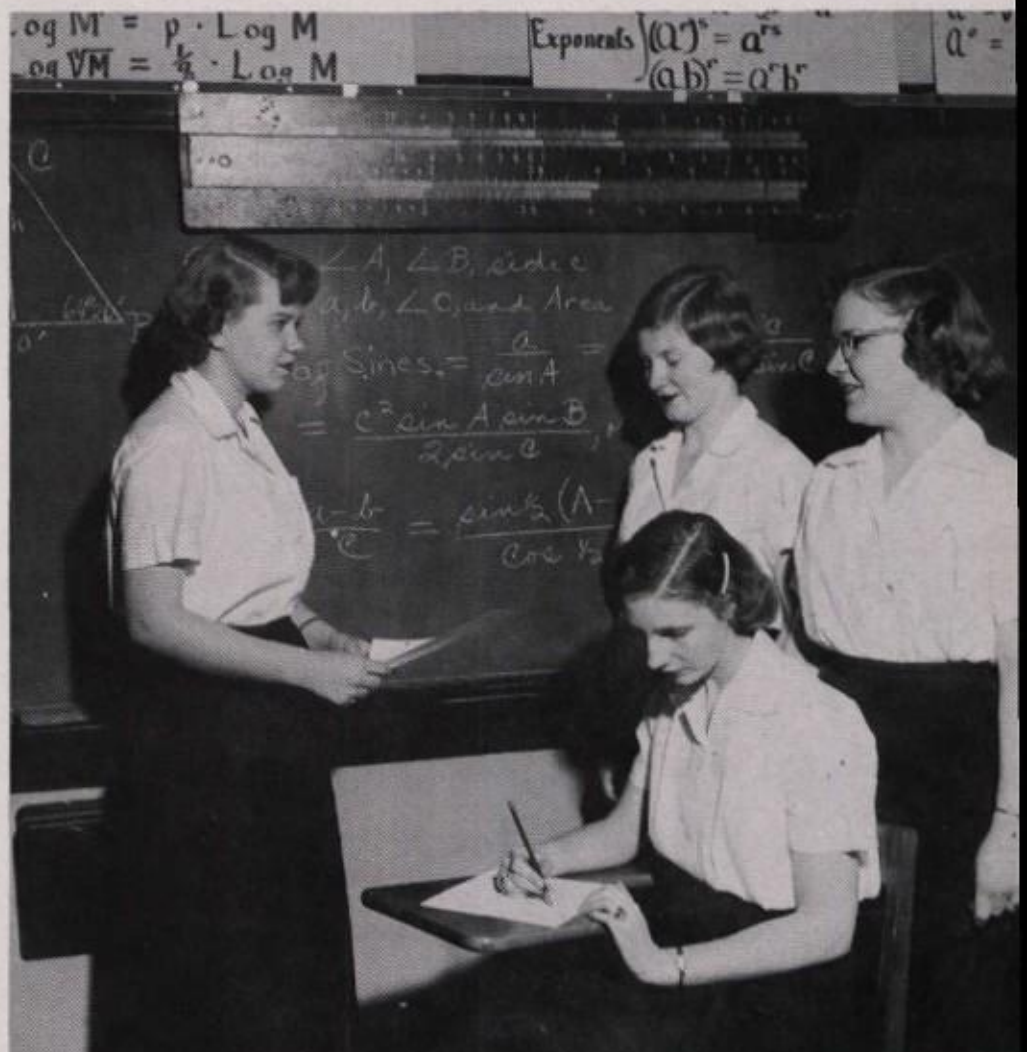
Dolores tries to tune in the radio and listen to Ronnie discussing a Civics problem from the paper at the same time.

Seniors

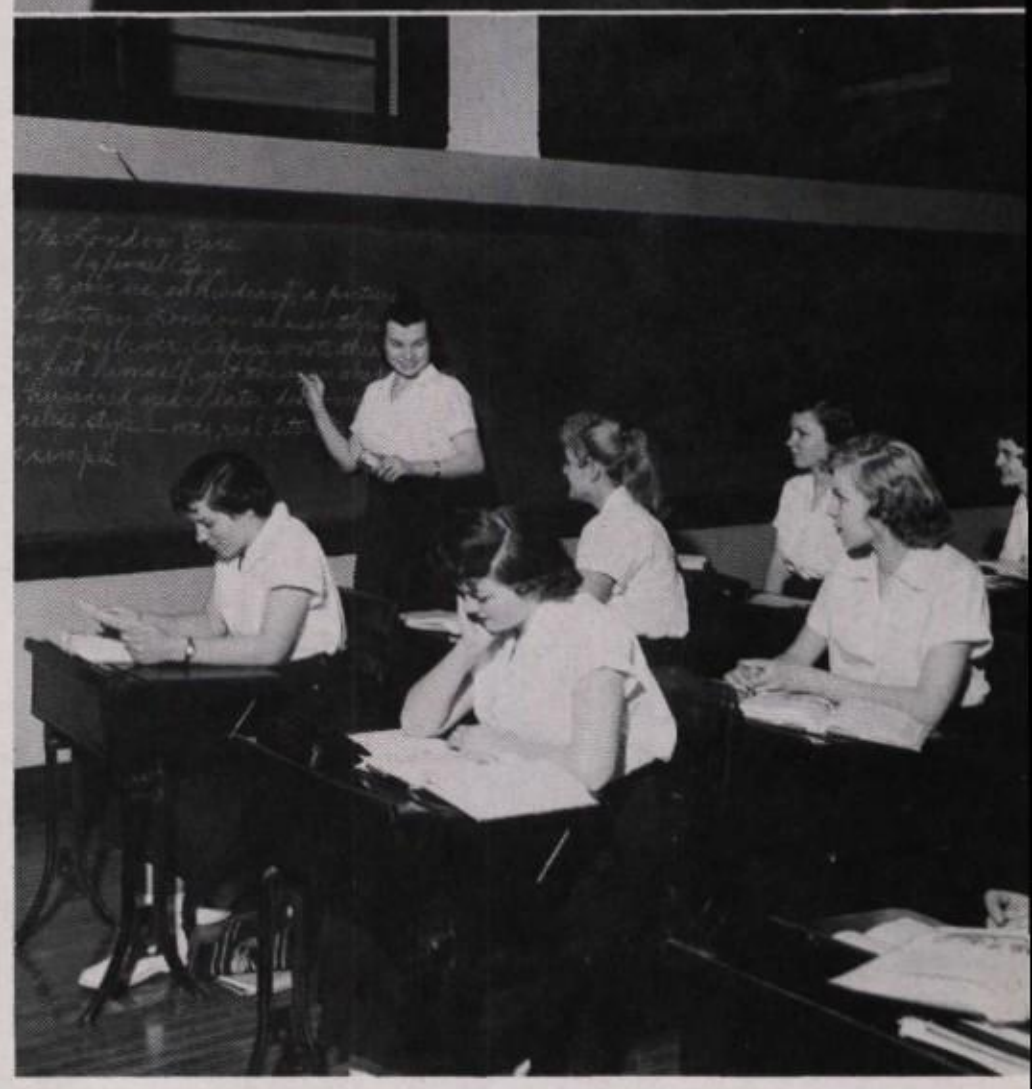
YOU CAN TELL A SENIOR . . .
BUT YOU CAN'T TELL HER MUCH.

FRENCH
Carmen must be interesting according to the smiles on the girls' faces as they read over Claire's shoulder.

MATH
Trig. functions and oblique triangles don't seem to stump Judy and Mary Lou as they work with Jo and Mary Jane. What???



RELIGION
"What vocation shall it be?" seems to be upper-most in the minds of these Senior Religion students.



ENGLISH
Joan doesn't look sad about the London Fire as she explains it to her attentive listeners.

General

No matter how many parts to the pattern, how complex the tucks — Virginia, Carolyn, Barb and Pat seem able to take it all in stride and produce a fashionable creation!

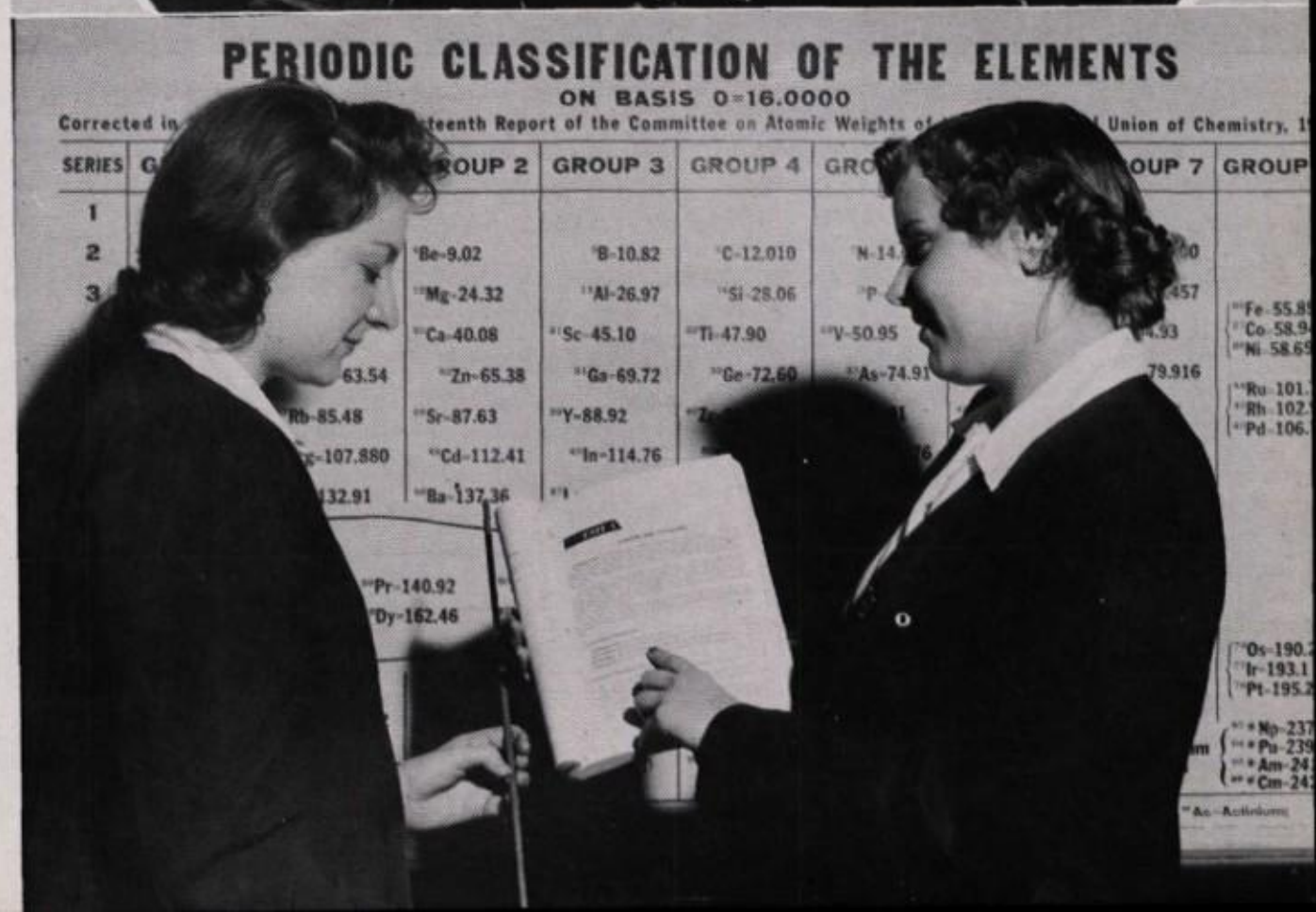
And who wouldn't smile? Juniors of Room 322 show that they have something to smile about as they are proclaimed by all as "school champs".

"I've Got The L.B. Blues" . . . became the theme song for juniors — at least when Sandy Sinkler, Diane Goodwin, and Mary McDonald won first prize in the school Anti-Litterbug Contest.

Activities

Now let's see, room 314, room 315, here it is, room 316.

Liz, Rose, and Sally let everyone know about "that guy in Calico".



These seniors show that when you know your Atomic Weights, Chemistry's a cinch!

Participation in school organizations helps develop the whole person. Responsibility, poise, the proper attitude about religion in daily living, health knowledge – all of these are but some of the attitudes perfected in the various organizations. Mother McAuley realized that curriculum which provided for opportunities to display talents in group organizations was necessary, and her "daughters" at Mercy have carried out this part of their Foundress' educational philosophy. The results have been seen in the projects, performances, productions, and publications which have brought satisfaction to the participants, and pleasure to parents, faculty, and friends.

Organizations

Student Council

Ann McNally . . . . . Treasurer
Carol Hein . . . . . President
Donna Murphy. . . . . Secretary
Sister Mary Kenneth. . . . Moderator
Rose Byrne . . . . Vice-President

Consultative Board

Consultative Council has an impromptu meeting. Seated: Marilyn Flanagan, Editor of the Hi-Rays; Ann McNally, Treasurer of the Student Council; Donna Murphy, Secretary of the Student Council; Carol Hein, President of the Student Council; Rose Byrne, Vice-President of the Student Council; Barbara McGarvey, Editor of the Mercian. Standing: Rose Ceretto, Associate Editor of the Hi-Rays; Alice Moss, President of the Legion of Mary; Amelia Spiller, Prioress of Third Order; Mary Kirby, Prefect of the Sodality; Colette Guzik, Associate Editor of the Mercian; Beatrice Johnston, Associate Editor of the Hi-Rays.

Mercy High School Student Council

is an organization which represents the student body, coordinates the work of the other organizations in the school, and acts as intermediary between the faculty and the students. The senior, junior, and sophomore divisions elect the four executive officers by secret ballot, and each homeroom elects its two Student Council representatives who are also the president and vice-president of that room. From this last group all underclassmen elect their president and vice-president.

The officers and members of the Student Council work with the faculty under the direction of the Principal and a Sponsor to bring about more active participation of the students in the functioning of the school. The Council operates through these three groups:

1) An EXECUTIVE COUNCIL made up of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2) A CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL consisting of the four executive officers, the Sodality Prefect, the Senior Class President, the Editors of the the school paper and yearbook, Presidents of the other organizations in the school.
3) A GENERAL COUNCIL bringing together all of the above with the Student Council Representatives from each room.

Student Council Activities include:

Representing the student body in general assemblies.

Conducting Student Council assemblies.

Supervising order in the halls.

Conducting drives, campaigns, class elections, and other activities.

Promoting more student participation in all school affairs.

Student Council Members

Senior members of Student Council giving their opinions on bids for the Student Council Dance.

Eyeing award winning entries for Litter-Bug week are our Junior Council Members.

Freshman and Sophomore members learn that a smile works better than a frown in keeping order in the halls.

Father Hayes celebrated his silver jubilee as a priest this year. Carol Hein, president of the Student Council, representing the entire student body, presents Father with a Spiritual Bouquet.

Winners of the Litter-Bug Week Campaign sponsored by the Student Council are:

Sandra Sinkler — Winning slogan.
Deane Goodwin — Winner in poster division.
Mary McDonald — Prize winning essay.

May Crowning

Dear to the heart of the Mercy girl is the May procession. Time never dulls the memory of that golden day when the long procession of girls – freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors – in dark uniforms display a shocking contrast with their white veils.

One recalls the eager voices as they resounded over the campus in hymns to Mary; one visualizes those well loved paths, hallowed by many other such processions; one realizes that her love of Alma Mater finds its highest expression in love of her who is the Mother of us all. What Mercy girl has ever forgotten the exaltation that filled her heart when, at the close of the procession she knelt in fervent prayer.

Mary Kirby – Prefect

Prefect Mary Kirby and Sister Mary Veronita, moderator, enjoy one another in the shadow of Our Lady.

Sodality officers pause reverently to offer the hearts of all sodalists to our Blessed Mother during May Crowning.

Judy presents the crown to Mary for that awe-inspiring moment when Mary crowns Our Blessed Mother Queen of the hearts of all Mercy girls.

L. to R., Sitting: Prefect Mary Kirby; Sister Mary Veronita. Standing: Maureen Courtney, Sacristan; Louise Weinburger, Mission chairman; Ann McNally, Sacristan; Mary Therese Schiebel, Junior Vice-Prefect; Janet Lanphear, Secretary; Judy Nyland, Vice Prefect; Francis Lyons, Treasurer.

Sodality

The Sodality of Our Lady has one aim – to help members attain their final goal through the sanctification of their own souls and the souls of others. Their motto "To Jesus through Mary" is heard universally by all past, present, and future Sodalists.

The four groups function under their individual officers, and moderators, Sister Mary Veronita and Sister Mary Emily. Throughout the year the sodality sponsors various projects which are discussed at their weekly meetings, and which, either directly or indirectly, have some influence on promoting Catholic Action.

Sister Mary Emily, moderator, and l. to r. Janet Gregory, treasurer; Sharon Hyrc, Secretary; Mary Golden, Prefect; Mary Goetz, Vice-Pres., of the Freshman Sodality look like a serious, business-like group with serious business to take care of.

Senior members of Our Lady's Sodality look as if the honor of being good sodalists makes happy people.

Accepting the challenge of Christ-like living in a world that makes the challenge giant-size is the big order of these junior and senior sodalists.

Legion of Mary

Alice Moss — President

Best of luck to a real wonderful classmate. It's been loads and loads of fun these past few years, but I hope you'll always remember them and me. God bless you always,
Alice

The object of the Legion of Mary, by prayer and action is to promote Catholic Action, under the ecclesiastical guidance of the Church and the special patronage of our Blessed Mother.

Inspired by love and faith in Mary, the Legionaires aspire to her profound humility, perfect obedience, angelical sweetness, and continual prayer. By placing their thoughts, words, and actions under Our Lady's direction the members of the Legion of Mary perform their daily duties without hesitation for God through Mary.

Guiding officers Alice Moss (seated) Maureen Mannix and Berna Mae Crinion in their efforts for the legion is Sister Mary Syra, moderator.

Promoting Catholic Action is the aim of these, the members of the Legion.

Under the expert guidance of 1956 Retreat Masters, Fr. Brown and Father Mackin, Mercians were able to spend their Thanksgiving in a better way with its true significance uppermost in their mind — that of giving thanks.

Mercy's chapel — where all may go to find peace and comfort near our Divine Lord and His Holy Mother.

1956 Retreat

Prayer and silence never fail to bring one closer to God. During our pre-Thanksgiving Retreat at Mercy, students attended daily Mass and lectures and maintained prayerful silence at all times.

Father John Mackin guided the seniors and juniors in their search for ways to become better children of God. His talks were inspiring as well as informative.

The sophomores and freshmen were guided in their quest by Father George Brown.

Third Order of Mount Carmel

Amelia Spiller — Prioress

The rule defines the Third Order as "an association of earnest Christians, who through living in the world and retaining their lay estate, share in the religious and apostolic life of the Carmelite Order." Through the Third Order, Mercy girls have found a more perfect way of striving for Heaven because their purpose in this organization is to attain Christian perfection in themselves, and, as far as the condition of their life will permit, to promote the spiritual welfare of others. Among their accomplishments has been the advancement of devotion to the Rosary of Our Blessed Mother.

With the statue of Our Lady as background, officers Lorelie Simon, Virginia Reitmaier, Marilyn Hovanec, Mary Ann Dee, Shirley Beronsky and kneeling, prioress Amelia Spiller, say the office — a daily requirement.

The chapel provides a peaceful refuge for members of the Third Order as they recite their daily prayers.

Members of the League gather round their Model.

Under the outspread arms of the statue of their Model, the Sacred Heart, stand officers Mary Ann Dee and Kay O'Shea with moderator, Sister Mary Leonore.

Sacred Heart League

Devotion to the Sacred Heart has always been one of the favorites of Mercy girls. The Sacred Heart League, under the direction of Sister Mary Leonore, promotes this devotion along with daily Mass and Holy Communion. Delegates of the League distribute monthly intention leaflets to the students as a means of promoting Catholic Action.

Cisca

Cisca – The Chicago Inter-Student Catholic Action Organization – is just what its name signifies. Its members have been very active this year with many projects which proved profitable to them spiritually and to others materially and spiritually.

Ciscans distribute weekly the Catholic newspaper for students, "Cisca News". During the noon hour the rosary is recited aloud in the Chapel as another little project encouraged by these devotees of Our Blessed Mother.

The work of Cisca at Mercy High School has been done quietly – but that doesn't mean its results have not gone far!

The happy faces pictured here prove that spreading Catholic Action brings real happiness.

Joan Barron – President

Glee Club

They lift their voices in praise to God. Praising God through expression of one's emotions by use of beautiful song is a part of the life of a Glee Club member from her sophomore year through her senior year. Under the inspiring direction of Sister Rose Marie, the girls' training is built around developing their voices and more important – their characters.

The spirit of cooperation excels in the girls. In every one of their productions, this warm spirit shines through and brings their production – whether concert or Variety Show – up to a high form of entertainment. Their sharing of talent has done more for Mercy girls than merely entertain them!

Perfection plus and the shining leadership qualities of Dorothy, Joan, and Marilyn make Sister Rose Marie proud of her girls.

Introducing – – – the polished and poised perfections of the Senior Glee Club.

Do–Re–Me– – – Sheila sings as Sister Rose Marie gives her the pitch.

A Cappella

"A Cappella" is a popular by-word at Mercy High School. The use of song renders great honor and glory to God; the A Cappella choir has used its talent to the fullest. Under the able direction of Sister Rose Marie the choir has offered entertainment to the student body and many public institutions. It is very gratifying to realize that a splendid appreciation for good music is being instilled in the hearts of Mercy girls – – – one way in which this is done is by listening to the A Cappella!

Do you know these girls? As happy and sweet as their voices – they make up the A Cappella.

Liberace has nothing on these smiling lassies!

Berna Mae Crinion — President

The Cecelian Club

Under the direction of Sister Mary Theresa, the Cecelians have spent many long and tedious hours practicing for the annual concert and the recital for certificate classes. These girls fully appreciate the art of music and have inspired a great number of people by their elegant mastery of the 88 keys.

Sister Mary Therese

Berna Mae Crinion and Janet Lanphear were winners in the Duo-Piano Contest in first and second years. Berna Mae merited second place, and Janet fourth place in Piano Concerto contest this year. All contests are sponsored by the Catholic High School Music Educators Association. Both girls are pupils of Sister Mary Theresa, R.S.M.

With perfect harmony and timing Sister Mary Syra's Duo-Piano pupils master any composition on keys.

Barbara Piotrowski, Patricia Mulvey, Claire Folmer, and Marianne McDonough are certificate students who have profited by the excellent teaching of Sister Mary Syra.

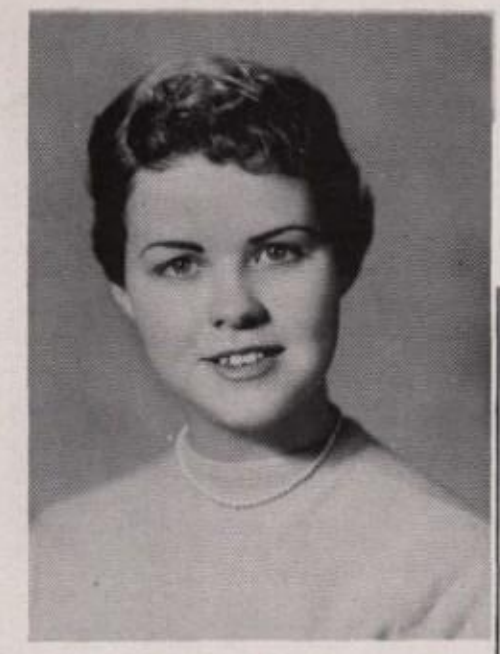
The Allegro Club

When visiting the third floor one can always hear the strains of sweet music coming from Sister Mary Syra's room. With patience and guidance Sister has developed the special talent God has given the girls who are her students of music. Since the Club is devoted to Our Lady of Mercy, they play not only for pleasure but also as a prayer to Our Blessed Mother.

Sister Mary Syra.

Seated at any piano, these pupils are artistic musicians.

Dramatic Art League



Mary Ellen Norris — President.

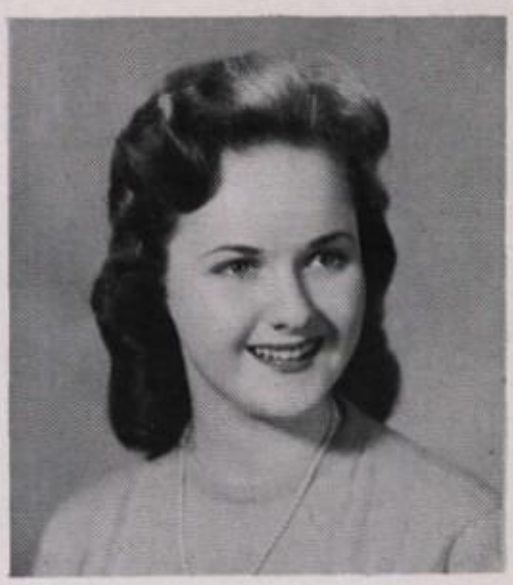
Miss Synon.

Miss Mary Synon, director of speech, is moderator of Mercy's Dramatic Art League. Student-directed plays, assemblies, and other dramatic productions are some of the ways in which Miss Synon utilizes and unfolds the talents of Mercy girls. Mary Ellen Norris is the League's capable president. Many moments of entertainment have been provided by this well organized Dramatic Art League.

Mary Ellen and Theresa gaze over Joyce's shoulder at what seems to be a script.

Virginia seems to think Mary and Nancy will be a huge success while Mary Kay, Barbara, and Betty are "lost" in the study of their script for the Senior Play.

Seniors of Dramatic Art show the serious and the happy sides of drama.



Patricia Arcand — President.

Pattie, the president of Thespian seems to have noticed something amusing while Mary Rita, Helen, and Dolores hold "that" pose.

Thespian

In the Dramatic Art department, admittance into the National Thespian Honor Society is the goal to which all drama students aspire. Its attainment is reached by obtaining points by directing a play, working back stage, or by being in a performance. Healthy competition is strong among the girls to gain entrance into this society.

After working toward their goal of obtaining membership in Thespian these members' final year comes to a close.

More members of Thespian who have put forth their energy in the fields of acting at Mercy.

Audio Visual

Projectionists Helen Daly and Mary McGinnis are on a return trip from the Biology Lab.

Gerry records her talk; while Jean, Karen, Leona, and Marian arrange the top ten booklets.

Maureen and Pat have a good colored filmstrip here.

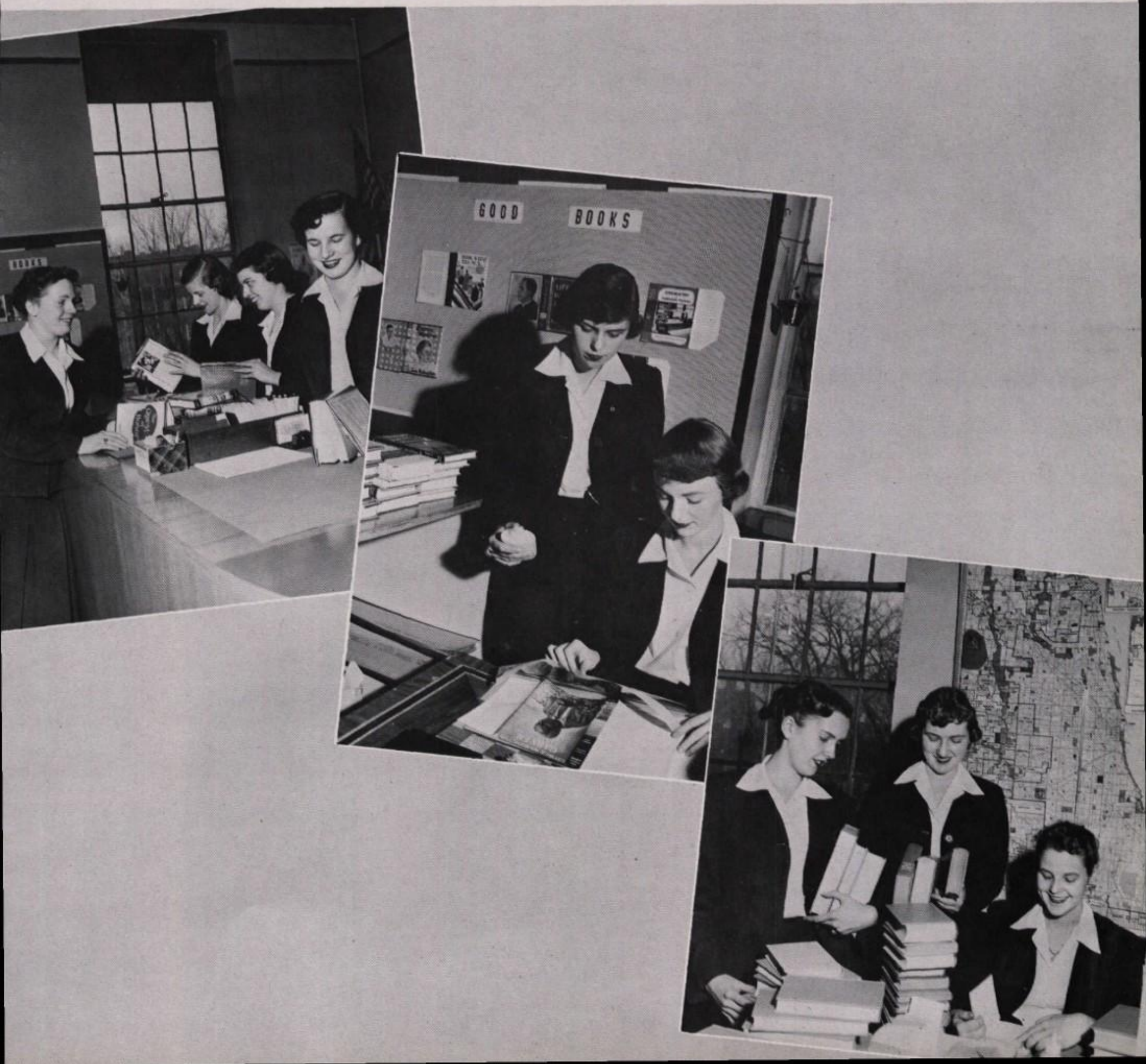
Sister Mary Vianney.

Library

Joyce Bates capably handles problems at the charging desk — — Delores, Mary, and Virginia look on.

Shiny plastic covers are the specialty of Mary Lou and Nancy.

Volunteer library assistants, quite adept at book-shelving, are Celine Skinner, Eileen O'Malley, and Mary McDonald.



Mercian Staff

Barbara McGarvey
Editor and Chief

The staff of "56" worked hard and long on ideas, character sketches, mountings, copy-reading, proof-reading, and at last, they bring their achievement – the 1956 Mercian – to you, their fellow students.

Self-sacrifice was the predominant characteristic of "our staff". Eight personalities worked together under circumstances which were often strained because of the hard work, perserverance, sacrifice, and heartaches which go into the editing of a yearbook. Strong bonds of friendship were formed in this sharing of responsibility, and each of these girls proved herself a lovable example of all that could be wanted in a "typical Mercy girl".

A mere "thank you" would never suffice for all that the girls gave of themselves. My hope is that the joy and satisfaction, the pride of accomplishment that comes with the knowledge of a job well done will be theirs completely. A big "God bless you" goes to each of the girls from the one who watched the book develop – but thrilled at the virtues which were growing in the soul of each member of "the staff."

Pat makes sure correct copy goes to press.

The staff shows that putting out a yearbook isn't just a barrel of laughs.

Is it possible that our editor couldn't find the radio filed under "R".

Carolyn Gaffney
Editorial Staff

Jacqueline McCullough
Feature Editor

Mariann Walsh
Editorial Staff

Oh, Dennis, we didn't really mean it.

Nancy Baer
Associate Editor

Colette Guzik
Associate Editor

How could anyone help but produce the best with a team like this!

To Sister Charitina

In every life, in every job, and in every book there must be a theme – a center from which all that is important radiates.

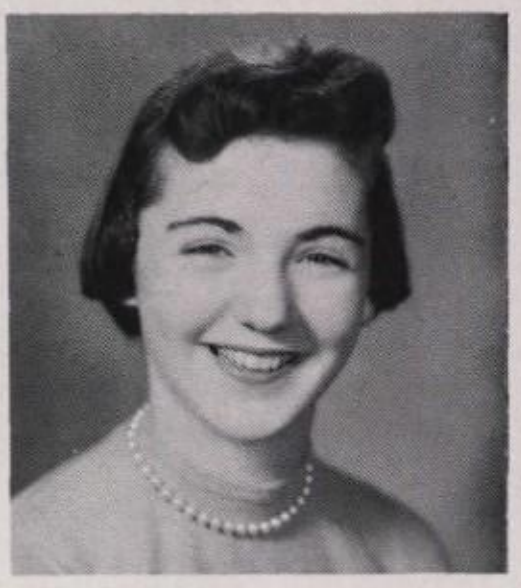
To many Mercy students Sister Charitina had been this axis. Like a magnet she draws the students toward her, and her kind understanding nature inspires their trust and confidence. Endless are the troubles and problems she has listened to, and many a troubled heart has been lightened after a good cry on Sister's shoulder. All of us will take with us a part of this understanding nature, a little of this sage wisdom in order that we may lead more holy, profitable lives.

As moderator of the Mercian, she had shouldered the heaviest burden of its editing, always assuming the difficult tasks so that her "staff" would have the time to work on the ever so many minor essentials. Her inexhaustible energy, her ever smiling face, her kindness, all these and many other attributes are the foundation that she has given her girls to apply in their future life no matter what their chosen profession.

The theme of the "56" Mercian is "Our Faculty" and how they have dedicated their lives toward inspiring Mercy girls to be purer and stronger children of Mary. In Sister Charitina we have found the epitome of all that is good and pure – leadership with firmness, unswerving loyalty, in other words all the attributes that we her staff, will endeavor to emulate for the remainder of our lives.

Sister Mary Charitina
Moderator

Kathleen Bruen
Layout Editor



Patricia Sloan
Typist

Hi-Rays Staff

What does it take to turn out a paper like the "Hi-Rays"? Determination and co-operation among the girls are the main ingredients and when they are combined with hard work and the excellent supervision of Sister Mary Rosaleen – it's all bound to add up to a perfect production! Being able to use their own time profitably adds enjoyment to the job of the girls on the Hi-Rays staff. Their task gives them an unforgettable character-building experience – the acceptance and carrying out of grave responsibilities. These girls have given themselves whole-heartedly to the task of editing a paper which is a credit to all. The "penthouse" would have many tales to tell if it could talk – joys, sorrows, heartaches, and delights – all these were shared by each top-notch journalist to produce a top-notch paper.

Rose Cerretto
Associate Editor

Marilyn Flanagan
Editor and Chief

Beatrice Johnston
Associate Editor

Bea, Marilyn, and Rose combine their talents, understanding, and leadership in Editing the Hi-Rays. By their untiring loyalty to the Hi-Rays, they set high standards of work for those working with them.

Under Sister Mary Rosaleen's guidance, love, understanding, the members of the Hi-Rays staff have proved that they can do great things. The many character-building events that took place in the "Pent House" will add up in the making of staunch, unbending Catholic women. These seven girls are an example of Sister Mary Rosaleen's efforts. Sister's witty remarks, wholehearted enjoyment of things dear to the hearts of the girls, and understanding of their problems will always be a warm remembrance in the hearts of many seniors.

1st page, 2nd page, 3rd page and, last but not least, the inevitable 4th page! Page editors Mary Ellen, Alice, Mary and Peggy use artistic talent — mathematical calculation — plus holding their breath — to make sure everything fits into beautiful pages.

It all looks so easy — so simple that any third-grader could do it. But I imagine the little art editor, Pat; news editor, Lou; and sports editor Dennie, and Feature writers Mary Ann and Mary would have just a little bit of skepticism over that remark.

M.A.A.

The Mercy Athletic Association has always been one of the most active of school organizations. To it falls the responsibility of sponsoring all sports activities of the year, and of properly rewarding those who are victorious. Sweaters, monograms, and trophies all represent some standard of achievement reached, some goal won.

Under the direction of Sister Mary Alberta and the officers elected annually, the association works for the welfare and pleasure of the girls, constantly striving to introduce new features that will prove themselves as enjoyable as the old ones.

Laura Quinn — President

M.A.A. officers talk over a coming game with Sister Alberta, moderator. L. to R: Betty Salzman, social chairman; Laura Quinn, president; Sister Mary Alberta; Kathy Bruen, treasurer; Ronnie Flynn, secretary.

Cheerleaders l. to r: Virginia Moss; Louise Sheffner, captain; Colette Guzik; Pat Costello; Rose Blake give out with a "boom-chic-a-boom" for mercy.

M.A.A. delegates are hoping for another Mercy victory.

Varsity

Under the competent coaching of Miss Smith, Mercy's "Big Seven" has won many awards for themselves as well as for their school.

In producing a victorious varsity, Miss Smith has shown its members what excellent teamwork means when they are working for the same goal. – to play the game well, and together. At any practice or game Miss Smith is always on hand to give her very best in teaching the varsity the "tricks of the trade".

Each of the seven top volleyball players on Mercy's varsity possess the true sportsmanship of any athlete. The spirit practiced by the entire team, displays the kindness each team-mate feels toward the other.

The practices that go into a game are long and strenuous, but if the game is lost there are no ill feelings about it, or if it is won, you can be sure of a happy but humble team!

Palmer Park Tournament

Won		Lost	Scores
Mercy	vs.	Fenger Napracs	28–27
Mercy	vs.	St. Louis	31–10
Mercy	vs.	St. Willy's	42–4
Fenger Napracs	vs.	Mercy	31–27
Mercy	vs,	St. Louis	29–3
Mercy	vs.	St. Willy	61–3
Mercy	vs.	Lucky Seven	37–7
Mercy	vs.	St. Willy Warriors	37–17

Grand Crossing Tournament

Mercy	vs.	Aquinas B	29–16
Mercy	vs.	St. Xavier	26–9
Mercy	vs.	Calumet	40–28
Mercy	vs.	Aquinas B	31–20

Outside Games

Mercy	vs.	Aquinas	41–24
Mercy	vs.	St. Xavier	36–17
Mercy	vs.	Aquinas	43–22

Left to right, 1st Row: Joan Curtain, Marianne Dunne, Maureen Cunningham. 2nd Row: Sarah Nolan, Moureen O'Neil, Pat Kelly. 3rd Row: Loretta McDonnell, Charlotte Chuffo, Margaret Cranley.

Mary Cassidy

Cathy Kelly

Rose Byrne

Barb McGarvey

Jo Amedio

Laura Quinn

Carol Cassidy – Captain

Miss Marjorie Smith
Teacher of Physical Education

Physical Education

Sports at Mercy, with all their thrills and spills, have centered around one person, Miss Marjorie Smith, our director of physical education. She is outstanding in many capacities, but the top two might be listed as her patience and understanding with girls, and her fidelity to duty. These characteristics have endeared her to the hearts of all Mercy girls, and have taught them much in sportsmanship. Her own loyalty to Mercy High School has had its effects on the girls in developing in them an acute sense of loyalty to school and fellow students. Miss Smith has been an inspiration and true friend to all Mercians, and she has taught many disciplines of mind as well as body.

Up, up, and over, high jumping is made to look easy by Virginia.

Basketball in action — rebounding is made easy by these basketball stars.

5, 4, 2, — Building a pyramid is a feat that may be called an accomplishment by our "budding athletes".

Volleyball Champs

SENIORS: l. to r. Laura Quinn, Sharon Kerrigan, Pat Deacy, Barb Matkey, Carol Isaacs, Vivian Broda, Colette Guzik, Pat Cox, Nedra O'Hanley.

JUNIORS: l. to rl Joan Benware, Sarah Nolan, Mary Jane Cleary, Sheila O'Brian, Noreen Cox, Pat Mulvey, Peggy Perrie, Cathy Kelly, Nancy Gentile, Kay Lyons, Marion Wisniewcki, Nancy Shea.

SOPHOMORES: l. to r. Jean O'Leary, Maryann Dunne, Mary Ellen Lynch, Mary Hand, Jeanette Steashak, Maureen Cunningham, Pearl Ellis, Sharon O'Toole, Judy Thielmann.

FRESHMEN: l. to r. Kathleen Cahill, Loureen Dillon, Kathy Wagner, Betty Marshall, Eileen Smith, Agnes Beirne, Sharon Boyle, Joan Weiss, Loretta McDonnell, Patricia Cosgrove, Moureen O'Neil, Mariann Fox, Geraldine Kovacs.

Basketball Champs

SENIORS: l. to r. Alice Moss, Pat Quinlan, Carol Semenuik, Jane Texter, Virginia Jansen, Virginia Reitmaier, Mary Donavan, Denise Robin. Elaine Londak.

JUNIORS: l. to r. Joan Welch, Sandra Sahagun, Barbara Preden, Virginia Preden, Virginia Stoffey, Joann Weber, Lynn Loftus, Mary Kay Johnston.

SOPHOMORES: l. to r. Alice Wood, Pat O'Brian, Virginia Szigeti, Modonna O'Donahue, Mary Jane Lucid, Barbara Nelson, Mary Ryan, Judith Nelson.

American Junior Red Cross

The American Junior Red Cross is an auxiliary of the American Red Cross for grammar and high school students. Contributions are made by the students to help alleviate some of the hunger and suffering in the world. The organization aims to achieve better human relations throughout the world by working together with members everywhere in our own and other lands. It is a big order, but our Junior Red Cross has cheerfully done its bit and experienced the warm glow that goes with spreading kindness.

Junior Red Cross girls, Virginia, Rita, Kay, and Gerry, brave the wind with Sister to pose for this picture.

Satisfied? According to their smiles the Junior Red Cross seems to have achieved their aims and they are quite happy about it.

Chance Book Winners

Siena and Mercy go over the top in salesmanship for chances whose proceeds went to the Sisters of Mercy Building Fund. Elaine Londak (right) was the winner at Mercy and is receiving a much coveted trip to Sunset Point from Mother Mary Huberta.

"Perfect Posture" makes a good typist as this girl proves.

The bookroom and candy room is a very happy refuge wherein reigns a very happy person – Sister Mary Augustine.

French Club

The French Club is composed of all students of French at Mercy The study of French does not only consist of "book learning" pronunciation and verb forms, but students have gained fluency in learning French songs. Since both Sister Mary Macrina and Sister Mary Emily have "Hi-Fi" phonographs in their classrooms, the girls can mix pleasure with work in learning songs from records. Each year the student body is treated to an assembly put on by the French Club to portray skills in conversation and singing. May we just say, "Vouloir, C'est pauvoir".

Sewing Club

Sewing is fun in Room 102, Mercy's Fashion Center. Under the skillful guidance of Sister Mary Ambrosia, Mercy girls learn the "tricks of the trade". Once conquered, sewing becomes a useful art, an accomplishment that never grows old or out of date. In harmony with sewing machines, needles and pins, thread and scissors, patterns and fabrics, nimble fingers mold an object of beauty – anything from a simple apron to a complicated formal. Members of the sewing club, together with the cooperation of its officers, help to keep the sewing room in "tip-top" condition. The annual Style Show, the highlight of the year gives Mercians an opportunity to display their superb workmanship and magnificent creations.

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club holds its meetings on the last Friday of the month. At these meetings talks are given on Spain, various phases of Spanish life, and South American countries. Reports are given on outside reading. Interesting facts about matadors, Spanish weddings, the gauchos, and the origin of Spanish names have been learned.

All the members have given small skits of everyday happenings. The skits, of course, are given in the "adopted language".

From the meetings, we hope to know more about Spain, South America, their people and customs.

Cy-Phy Activities

The purpose of Cy-Phy is to give opportunity to girls interested in scientific problems and research:

(1) To acquire a fund of useful information.
(2) To develop certain scientific attitudes within the student.
(3) To appreciate the contributions of science to society, and
(4) To aid the student to discover a vocational interest.

The Cy-Phy Minims, under the competent leadership of Mary Ellen Whiddon and Maureen Durkin, hold monthly meetings at which discussions and experiments on the application of science to everyday living are held.

Outstanding in the Sophomore Cy-Phy are Sally Tokarz, who is making a study of the soil of our nation, Mary Lou Carlson, who is grinding a telescopic lens, and Mary Gaynor, who is making a study of polio from the year 1000 B.C. to the perfection of the Salk Vaccine in 1953. The projects of these girls will be displayed in the Future Scientists of America exhibit in Sycamore, Ill., this year.

The Senior Cy-Phy had a preview look into the future when Arlene Slawinski explained the probability that, within the next 60 years, man would have temperature-controlled clothing which would keep him warm in winter and cool in summer, 3-D television sets, phonovision, and strawberries as big as golf balls.

Math Club

OFFICERS: President, Pat Arcand; Vice-President, Mary Lu Hannigan; Secretary, Marilou Quinn; Treasurer, Marianne Flisk.

The Math Club, composed of third and fourth year mathematics students, devote their talents to deciphering complicated processes such as progressions, cube root, and number theory. As a supplement to their classes mathematics movies are shown and demonstrations are given by members at the monthly meetings. A new project sponsored by the Math Club was a math tournament preceeded by a series of Round Robins for freshman mathematics students to arouse interest in mathematics and to insure future membership for Mercy's Math Club.

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Fashion Show

Will it fit right? Is the hem straight? All these questions can be heard from the sewing pupils. When the fashion show comes around each year, these girls set the pace for styles. Like birds in flight, the girls don their ensembles and model them with great poise. The pricking of their finger with a needle, or the altering of seams is all forgotten when it's time for the displaying of their finished "creations". With the expert help of Sister Mary Ambrosia and advice from a professional model, the girls are ready to present their fashions on parade. Their wonderful achievements are made and displayed with the stylish finesse of experts.

Pretty as a picture, Pat looks the part of a pampered princess in her frothy fashions.

Wherever they go they will always look fresh and feminine and feel confidently radiant about their appearance. They seem to agree, too.

It's the first sign of spring . . . when a smartly dressed crowd don their prettiest outfits and sweetest smiles to greet the exciting season ahead.

Going, going, gone . . . the idea of what shall I wear? Betty and Carol can just reach for their new coats, of course.

For relaxing . . . casuals, what else? Elaine, Mary, Carol fill the bill with their wholesome and distinctive casuals.

Headliners are these three basic suits that are feminine yet with that business-like look and Marianne, Barbara and Dolores are proud owners of such suits.

Mrs George Kohl, President.

Mercy Mothers Auxiliary

One of the most vital organizations of Mercy High School is the Mother's Auxiliary. Its effects are felt in every phase of the school life at Mercy – and that is just the way it should be – with "'Mom's" fingers in every pie!

Having fulfilled their job of helping the school in every way possible, the Mother's Auxiliary provides opportunity for all to meet socially and enjoy one another's friendship.

Standing l. to r: Mrs. Lawrence Martenson, treasurer; Mrs. John Sailer, Senior Vice-President; Mrs. Julius Schlosser, Alumnae Vice-President; Mrs- Joseph Scheibel, Junior Vice-President; Mrs. John Cyrol, Sophomore Vice-President. Sitting l. to r: Mrs. Jacob Schiett, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edward Tierney, Past President; Mrs. Charles Derringer, Freshman Vice-President.

Mother's Games Party

The Mother's Games Party is one item on the Auxiliary agenda that is looked forward to by all. As usual, it was an overwhelming success. The prizes were very beautiful, but even those who didn't win one went home satisfied with a wonderful evening!

L. to r: Mrs. Richard Tierney, Mrs. Richard Brown, Mrs. Charles Derringer, Mrs. Peter Weinberger, Mrs. Lawrence Mortenson, Mrs. Joseph Scheibel, Mrs. C. T. Wison, Mrs. John Cyrol, Mrs. Diane Flanagan, Mrs. George Kohl.

L. to r: Mrs. Leo Boyle, Mrs. John Garrity, Mrs. Albert Honegger, Mrs. Stanley Nelson, Mrs. Julius Schlosser, Mrs. John Quinlan, Mrs. Stanley Gregg, Mrs. Alfred Rosenbaum, Mrs. Thomas McAleer, Mrs. Thomas Conley, Mrs. John Sailer.

Mercy Alumnae Association

A heritage of 32 years of love and service – this does Mercy offer her children; in return they offer her their love and loyalty, and their appreciation of what she has done for them, and what she has been to them.

If all those faithful alumnae who deserve a place in these pages were to be maintained, we should have need of a few special volumes. But because space is limited we may pick out only a few – a few whose names are linked with Mercy by special circumstances.

Betty Boylan Lyne, President

Seated: Betty Boylan Lyne.
Standing l. to r: Dorothy Peterson McGonagle, Secretary; Florence Krovener John, Chairman of the Board; Magdalen Wingering Ward, Vice-President.

(Pictures Missing) Marie Loncar Maras, Social Chairman; Jean Malarkey Sapp, Treasurer; Mary Perisin Algenoviac, Parliamentarian.

Mercy Federation

Mercy Federation is an organization of colleges, nursing schools, and high schools conducted by the Sisters of Mercy. It has promulgated Catholic Action since its institution, the Forum being its strongest tool for the spiritual and mental enrichment of those attending.

This year the Federation presented the Sisters of Mercy with a generous donation of $10,000 for the new St. Xavier College and High School Building Program.

The rewards of the generous work of this organization will certainly be waiting for each member in Eternity.

Miss Marie Kilgannon
First Vice-President

Mrs. Marie Lynch, R.N.
Second Vice-President

Miss Elizabeth Gorman
Recording Secretary

Miss Mary Lusson
President

Mrs. Elizabeth Sharkey
Treasurer

(Picture Missing) Miss Dorothy Abbott
Financial Secretary

All work and no play would prove dull for any age, but would be unbearable for teen-agers. We were created by God to be social beings, and part of the extra-curricular activity which goes on at Mercy High School is directed to right order in social life. The dances held at school bring into play many good qualities and virtues which the girls never knew they had. The hard work in preparation and the handling of financial matters become realities that make many "taken-for-granted" things take on new meaning and give recreation a different evaluation. The school trips taken throughout the year prove to be an education – even in the telling about them on the return home.

Social

Homecoming

A smoky haze beneath an October moon . . . stars glittering through the crisp night air . . . pungent odor of burning leaves . . . faint sounds ringing clear . . . light and music emanating from Mercy's ballroom . . . snatches of football gossip . . . weekend plans . . . brief intervals between dances . . . . . restless movement of youth . . . snatching at the happiness of each passing hour . . . the first fall informal . . . the HOMECOMING.

The high point of the evening was th Grand March as all the girls and es corts went around the gym and the ba cony.

Everyone is "In the Mood" for th annual Homecoming Dance.

After a tiresome jitterbug some junior take the pause that refreshes.

Could the Senior A Cappella be thinking of someone special as they sing "I Dream of You"?

Joan Barron sings about "When She Was Five, and He Was Ten".

Ever-present, ever-popular chaperones pose for the camera.

Glee Club

A brisk fall of snow . . . air clean and cool as a mountain stream . . . pearly gleam of silver bubbles on scarlet . . . a tide of rhythm sweeping back and forth . . . flashes of gold . . . and the heavy ripple of crimson drapes . . . the never-to-be-forgotten thrill of the season's first formal . . . the annual Glee Club Dance.

M.A.A. Sport Dance

A brisk fall of snow . . . warmth of color and glow of lights within . . . sweeping winds and flurrying snow without . . . enchanting music . . . another group of dancing partners . . . enjoying the second school dance . . . "Snowhite" crowned . . Grand March . . . drifting toward cars . . . home . . . dreams of glittering snowflakes!

M.A.A. president, Laura Quinn crowns "Snow White", Elaine Hughes.

Snow White and her six 'dwarfs.' L. to r. Mary Kirby, Lynn Warda, Loretta Rossi, Therese Kennedy, Pat Sloan, Carol Cassidy.

Mercians and dates dance under lacey snow flakes.

Student Council Dance

Spring Reigns! . . . serious business of school government was set aside . . . Student Council members reigned as hostesses . . . evening was perfect . . . crowd was ideal . . . all too soon it was all a pleasant memory to be cherished with many others!

No single file here – just an enjoyable time as Carol, Donna, Ann and Rose, the Student Council officers, dance with their dates.

Cute bids, empty coke bottles, smiling faces – it all adds up to the proof that the Student Council dance was enjoyed by everyone.

As Bob crowns Peggy queen of the dance they both try to control their laughter – who will hold out the longest?

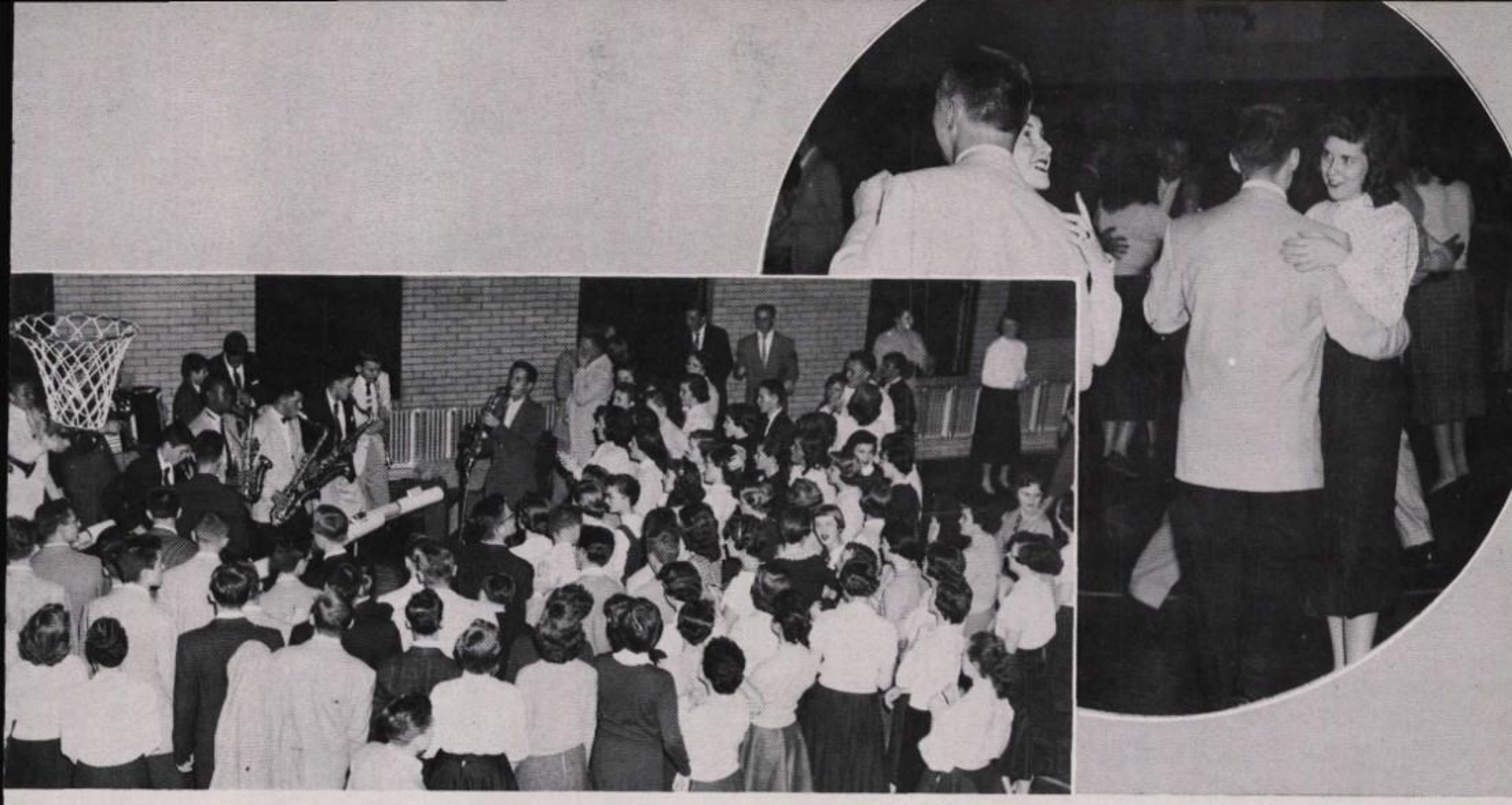
Junior Ring Dance

Expectant chattering from the lobby . . . echoes of new arrivals . . . eager faces and eager hearts . . . dancing feet to the melodies of top tunes . . . a wave of gaiety and excitement surging high . . . showing rings to all . . . then fading to a happy weariness . . . again the echoes phantom-like, retreating in the lobby . . . thus ends the first Junior Ring Informal.

Don't worry fellas, the newness wears off, and you'll soon be the main attraction again!

Beaming smiles — proof that the Ring Dance was all that the junior officers Ann Nelligan, and Cathy Kelly had hoped it would be!

A ring — symbol of junior year, a ring dance — first one at Mercy, put together — proved to be a success.



Everyone seems to enjoy the music "as the band plays on".

What's on the ceiling Mary? It looks like Donna is interested too.

Sodality Social

Joining with St. Ignatius, Mercy's Sodality showed a new and successful way of making a social fun for everyone. Each school sold an even amount of tickets, thus eliminating those who form the usual "stag line" at socials.

From the beginning friends were made easily; having fun was the foremost thought of students of both schools.

Singing "Mother Beloved" both Sodalities relazed and knew another evening in honor of Our Lady has been an overwhelming success!

Red Cross Social

The Red Cross Social was a success and provided a happy evening for those who attended. Leo's Swing Band provided the music for the dancers. Proceeds were for Red Cross Charity.

"The music goes round and round" as the music from Leo's Swing Band keeps everyone dancing.

Looking like they're enjoying the evening, these couples pause to smile for the camera.

Dad and Daughter Dance

A flurry of excitement . . . new dresses . . . corsages of delightful spring fragrances . . . chatter . . . music.

. . . but it's different . . .

Music much more gentle . . . slower . . . even a waltz, now and then . . . a two-step . . . a floor of girls only on the jitterbug numbers.

Why?

It's the night of the Dad and Daughter Dance! This is just about the nicest dance of the year. The girls look forward to this "date" with their favorite beaux . . . the dance . . . the snack afterwards . . . then home with two giving a full report of a memorable evening to Mom.

No, you're not seeing double! Mr. Mackey, Mary and Martha take a short pause between dances.

Dolores and Pat seem to find it quite funny tripping the light fantastic with their handsome "dates" for the evening – Dad.

Dads look on as their darlings stop for a little chatter.

Senior Prom

Rose, crystal, and gold of a formal ballroom . . . a mirror whose silver depths reflect images like the passing of a dream . . . white fire caught and held for one breathless second in a crystal ball . . . faint tap of high heels . . . low murmur of voices . . . then music . . . orchestra . . . hurried goodnights . . . then the soft whisper of feet along a darkened corridor . . . Senior Prom of "56"

The start of the happiest night of the year! Ted helps Jane out of the car and escorts her to the dance for a memorable evening.

Dreamy-eyed Jane has many happy incidents to think over at the end of a perfect evening — even her" aching feet" won't interfere with the memories of her high school prom.

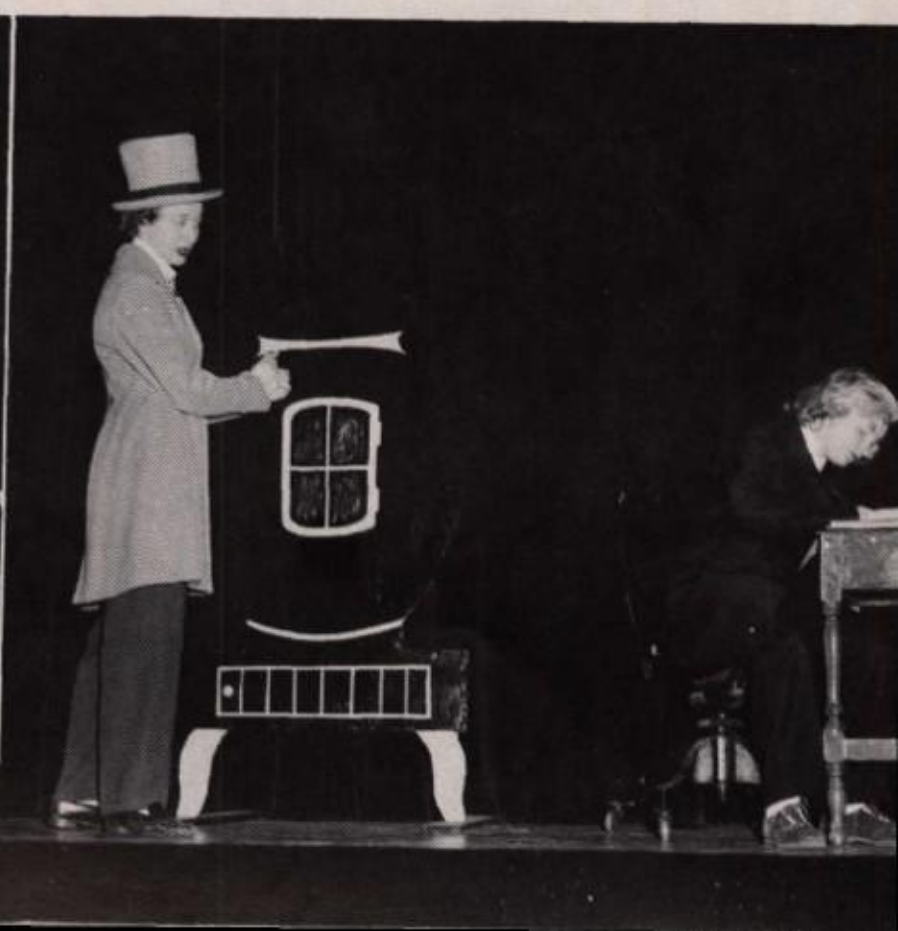
The lobby was filled with the Christmas spirit as it was the home of the infant Jesus in the Crib.

Christmas at Mercy

Christmas at Mercy is always a never-to-be-forgotten occasion. A spirit reigns that cannot be captured in the telling. Often through the years the memory of "Mercy Christmas" brings a warm-glow – a series of pleasant remembrances . . . Christ predominating His birthday . . . carolers singing through the halls . . . greetings . . . the excitement of fixing baskets of food and gifts for those less fortunate than ourselves . . . with loving all God's creatures . . . all of these things feebly express an inner contentment that goes too deep for expression.

Bah . . . . . humbug!

Two Judy's plus a few props make for one good play.



The ever popular Christmas tree was taller than usual this year, but it added to the friendly and charitable feeling of the girls.

The A Cappella gives us their arrangement of Adeste Fidelis, Sweet Silver Bells and other songs as they carol through the corridors.

Scrooge does a good job of ignoring the ladies' plea for charities.

It's very cold in "Winter in Switzerland," and our favorite reindeer, Carol, Sheila, and Trudy made everyone as happy as they look with their interpretation of "Twinkle Toes".

Peasants, waiters, and lovely ladies "In Old Vienna".

Glee Club Production

Once again the lighter side of the Glee Club comes forth in the Spring Production. To sophomores it's new and exciting; to juniors it's old but eagerly anticipated; Seniors regard it as a little sad and ending too soon.

Enthusiasm runs high; each girl works equally hard no matter what her part is. Gaiety is the theme; the ending is always a prayer – in the form of a song – to God. It is always loved by the faculty and cherished by the students.

"There'll Come a Time" – and this time was very enjoyable when Cynthia and Arthur sang together.

"The First Snowfall" seemed to make happy hearts here as the chorus furnishes a pleasing accompaniment to the lovely voice of Carol Cavanaugh.

Joan and Sheila Quinlan were a beautiful sister dance team — on their toes to the music of ''Tales of Vienna Woods''.

Marilyn and Joan won the hearts of the audience with their rendition of ''Gilly Gilly Ossenfeffer''.

We can't find Jeanette— but this number was ''Jeanette and Her Little Wooden Shoes''.

It's ''Tulip Time in Holland'' and here we find Roseanne and Rosemary singing their hearts out ''In an Old Dutch Garden''.

The art of serious thinking belongs to Rosie and Mary Ellen but Patty's thoughts run along the more mischeivous line.

Mary Kay Galvin and Marilyn Kohl give a lesson on how to win an argument and get your point across.

Senior Play

Reaping compliments for the success of their play, the Seniors can't erase the happy memories of those eventful, exhilarating nights. Just as a Broadway director has fears and worries until opening night, so it was with Miss Synon and the Senior Play. Donning the role of actresses the girls were tinkling with excitement when opening night rolled around, but "Career Angel" won the hearts of the audience and it proved to be a refreshing and heart-warming production!

Who ever said "No news is good news" is contradicted by Joan Janovic and Berna Crinion as they smile joyously at the news the letter contains.

Patty and Mary Ellen wonder if such a mischievous angel as Lou could have possibly been sent from heaven.

The old fashioned dancers give out smiles as well as a dance to the audience.

Mary Rita presents the young school girls – Sharon and Dolores, Sharon Whiddon plays the Sister Superior.

Just passing through, Peggy?

Marilyn Kohl and Marlene Nelson put through a call on the ingenious switchboard made by the prop committee.

Springfield Trip

The history students are especially interested in the trip to Springfield. Even though the trip was a brief one, all the high points of interest in our state's capitol seem to have made a deep impression. As can be seen from the pictures, pleasure was well mixed with the acquisition of knowledge.

State Capitol.

Lincoln's Tomb.

Governor's Mansion.

Lincoln's Statue in front of State Capitol.

Its beauty is beyond description . . . its fun and gaiety are unsurpassed . . . its list of sports is unending . . . its spirit of friendship between faculty and student is heartwarming . . . daily Mass gives a spiritual impetus to a day of physical relaxation and exercise! It all may sound like a dream but it isn'r . . . it's the Winter Holiday at Our Lady of Sunset Point Camp!

Sunset Point Trip

Washington Trip

Our Nation's Capitol, the pulse of these United States, can only be fully appreciated after seeing how all the wheels work to make things go! The school tour is the key to many places that might never be available on a private tour. This yearly trip proves itself to be a "little education" within our education.

Mary Ann is diligently checking and rechecking the names of girls leaving for Washington.

"Bye for a while" Rose and Dennie give a happy wave.

"Oh, my poor feet" after muc
walking these girls settle dow
for a moment of relaxation.

Dear Anita,
God bless you in
all your future endeavors.
May God always keep you in
His guiding light.
Mary Peta Kellman

Dear Anita, best of luck
and happiness in future
years. Peggy Collins
G. S. Grad Luck at DePaul.

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Anita: may all the joys of life come to you and yours always. Remember Lorie

Dear Anita
Lots of luck and
happiness on
the future.
Steve Adams (Jan)
Maureen Hankin
(John Hittin
#11)

Autographs

To Anita —
Here's hoping only wonderful
things happen to you. Remember
Mercy and
Jane Phillips

Dear Anita,
Lots of luck to a
real sweet kid. May
God watch over you
until we meet again,
sometime.
Love always,
Alice '56

To Anita
You are a
Sweet Girl
Good Luck in
the future God bless
You and keep you.
Cathy
Kile '56

Anita
Best of luck
to a real swell
kid remember
the dandy times we
had visiting home
the students after
school may your home
success in what you do
in the years to come.
Remember
Pat P.S. How could
you forget.

Anita,
Best wishes
to a deserving girl.
Stay as sweet as you are
God Bless You and
Remember Me.
Mary Lou Morgan

Anita,
Best of luck
in your future
You always.
Mary Jane Glavin

Anita,
Good luck always.
to a real swell girl
Always remember
Mercy and
Midge

God bless you
and
Mary love you!
S. M. Basilla, R.S.B.

Dear Anita
You're a real
swell girl. It's really
been a pleasure knowing you
and I sure enjoyed being
with you at the party
the other night. Anita, I
wish you all the luck in the
world and hope all your
dreams come true.
Your pal
Betty Lou Reed

Anita:
Lots of luck
and happiness in future
years. May all your
dreams come true.
Kay McCurdy

Dear Anita,
May God always
bless and watch
over you!
Mary Summerlin

Dear Anita
Good luck
in your future years.
God bless you.
Adrienne

Dear Anita,
May God always
grant you the best in every-
thing - because you really
deserve it.
Always remember to pray
for my future marriage!
Ramona
Rechlig (Mrs. D.E. Sapp)

To Anita:
I wish you all the
luck in the world.
May God always
bless you. I'm so
glad I got to know
you before I left
"Mercy".
Pray for me, remember
Evelyn

To Anita:
Lot of Luck to
A REAL SMART GIRL!
God Bless You &
REMEMBER to PRAY
FOR: Betty Hoag
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Autographs

May our Blessed Mother ✝ Me
guide and protect you always.
Sister Mary Agnetis, R.S.

anita,
I wish the best
of everything in
the years to come
a lot of prayers
and Remember
always
Mary Ann
"56"

Dear Anita,
May God bless you
in your future years
and keep you safe
from harm.
Love
Mary Children

Anita
Lots of luck
always to a
nice girl. may
God bless you
always remember
Father
(Ted)

Dear Anita
I want to wish
you the best of luck
in everything you do.
I hope you never forget
the wonderful times we
had at mercy. I also wish
you would stop picking
on poor little defenseless
me. after all, I never do
anything to bother you.
Love
Dolly

P.S. I hope I see you after
graduation. I still have
to drop you in the lake.

Anita
A nice girl,
a sweet girl,
a good friend.
With the Lord's mercy. may
smile and joy rest
God watch over you
in the future - Daddy Bonner

Anita/
May good fortune
shine upon your
footsteps as you
walk upon the road
of happiness.
Kay Lowley
"56"

Anita —
May you always stay as sweet + nice as you are now + never forget "little Brooke"

Anita
Best of Everything to a sweet kid! God Bless you! Remember
Adele

Anita,
Best of luck to a swell girl.
Remember
Rosalie Murray
'56

Anita —
Best of Luck in the future
God bless you!
Remember to pray for me.
Mary Anne Hall

Dear Anita,
May God bless and watch over every moment of your life. Best of luck to a very nice girl.
Mary Lake

Anita —
Best of luck now and always to the best friend a girl ever had. Always remember and pray for
Marie Giampone
'56

Anita,
As Barbara said, "Let's meet both in hindsight" Cadillacs & Chauffeur-driven cars. Remember our discussions & the fun we had in our senior year. God bless you and love
Maureen

Dear Anita,
"To one of mine"
To one of many
Sweetest persons
I wish all the
happiness in the
world. Always
remember, Dolores
Lemm
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Anita,
Nice knowing you this year. It has been a pleasure & privilege to have you as a friend. (Yes we've had pressure sometimes) Remember when we all applied for nite school (no Cadillacs) we can now all do Junior Prom. Best of luck and happiness in the future and God bless always
Love, Theresa Zaleski '56

To Our Parents

This 31st issue of the Mercian records for the students a year of triumphs and joys. For them it will serve to bring back memories and to strengthen the bonds of friendship. For their parents it is a tale of achievement, the fulfillment of a dream. They, by their unselfish love, their measured sacrifice, have made possible the activities cherished in this book. It is fitting that a tribute of love and gratitude to our dear parents close this story of a year of our high school life.

Dear Anita:
Love + Laughter
to a wonderful senior.
may all of your fondest
dreams come true + may
God bless you always.
Love
Judy Yarbrough.

Anita
All the possible
success to you
in future years.
God bless you
always. Say a
prayer for —
Donna Murphy

Dear Anita
Best of everything
to a swell friend.
May all your dreams
come true. Remember,
Pat Quinlan

Anita,
Good luck always—
all-ways. May God
bless and guide you in
the future years.
Say a prayer for and
Remember,
Liz
(and Room 114 !)

Anita,
Best of luck
to the sweetest
kid in your
crowd. Stay as
sweet as you
are and may
God bless you.
Carolee

Florence Byrne